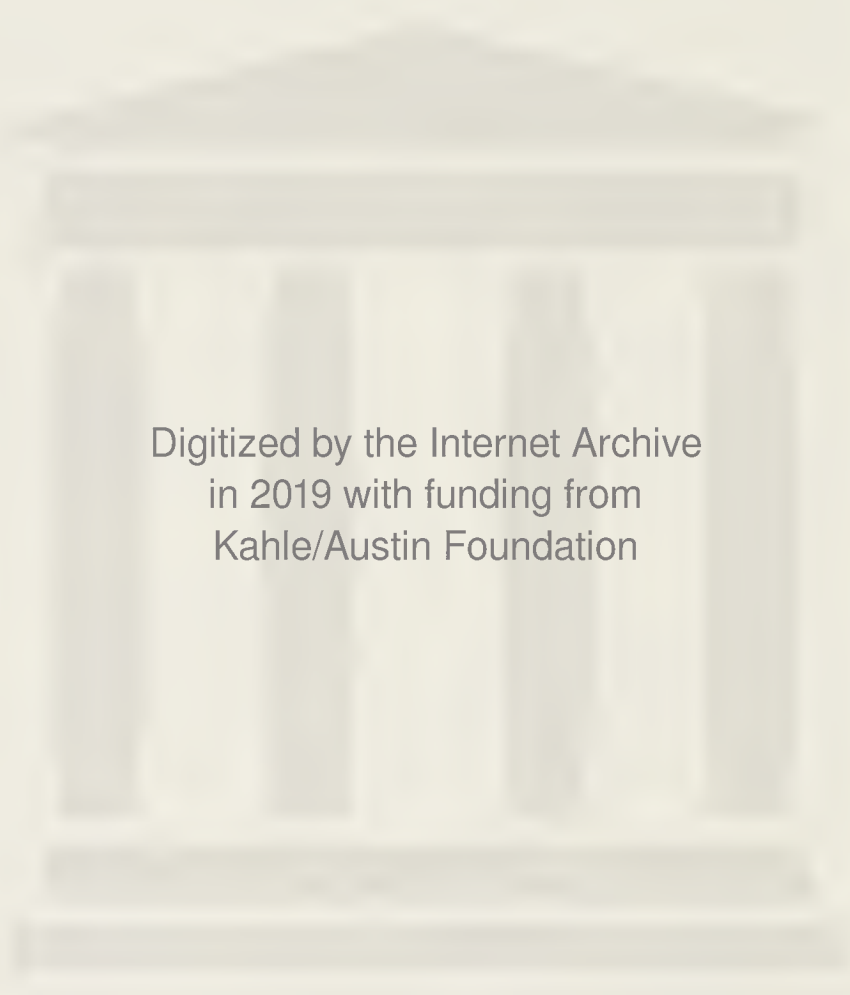


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HIS BOLD ATTEMPT TO SERVE  
OR SAVE HIS FELLOWS,  
HE AND THOSE DEPENDENT  
UPON HIM SHOULD  
NOT SUFFER PECUNIARILY.*

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## CARNEGIE HERO FUND COMMISSION

Established April 15, 1904, by Andrew Carnegie, the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission was created to recognize outstanding acts of selfless heroism performed in the United States and Canada.

Recognition in all acts considered worthy by the Commission consists of a medal. It may also include, in acts in which disabling injuries are sustained by the rescuer, a supplemental continuing grant; in acts in which the rescuer loses his or her life, financial assistance for the surviving dependents; and in acts in which no disablement is sustained, grants for education or other worthy purposes in the lives of the rescuers.

Recommendations for awards may be made by an individual having knowledge of such outstanding acts of bravery, and should be sent directly to the Commission. Awards are open to all citizens and visitors of the two countries under regulations presented in detail on subsequent pages of this report.

Each recommended act is investigated as to fact and degree of risk involved and is evaluated by the Commission on the basis of results of the investigation.

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## EVERYDAY HEROES

The central question of heroism: Why do heroes do what they do? This is not a cynical or trivial question, but one of interest to armchair philosopher and evolutionary biologist alike.

As an armchair philosopher, I find it interesting to consider the dilemma that heroism presents for the evolutionary biologist. This scientific discipline looks to man's evolutionary history to find the origins of human behavior. In that discipline, it is very difficult to account for heroism and for altruistic behavior in general. The dilemma is this: Why doesn't the force of Darwinian natural selection systematically eliminate from our species any tendency to take heroic but mortal risks? These risks clearly reduce the odds that the hero and his offspring will reproduce, and natural selection should favor those who stand aside and watch heroes take those risks.



*Mark Laskow*  
*President*

Believe it or not, one evolutionary biologist has struggled with this issue to the extent that he has produced a mathematical model that demonstrates a slight evolutionary advantage to altruism. But even if academics accept that approach, I expect that few of us will find it very satisfying. While speculating that evolutionary biology was an interesting lens through which to view heroism, I concluded that heroism may provide a more interesting lens through which to view evolutionary biology.

The potential for heroism is a critical component of man's spiritual nature that sets him apart from the other species of God's creation. (I say this with apologies to animal lovers everywhere.) The "Carnegie" definition of a hero has a tough requirement of informed, conscious choice.

Mr. Carnegie added another element to the equation of heroism: Perhaps our social evolution – our culture, religion, and civilization – has made it more possible for individuals to act heroically. In the Deed of Trust establishing the Hero Fund, he wrote:

*We live in a heroic age. Not seldom are we thrilled by deeds of heroism where men or women are injured or lose their lives in attempting to preserve or rescue their fellows; such the heroes of civilization. The heroes of barbarism maimed or killed theirs.*

Certainly culture, religion, and civilization play an important role. After all, most of us worship God and, in so doing, bring our own lives at least a little closer to what He expects of us.

So then, what about us? Could any of us be such a hero? Why do some act, while others watch? I suspect the prevailing view in our culture is that by some sort of moral spontaneous combustion, a single heroic act will redeem a life that has been, shall we say, morally unremarkable. There is a romantic charm to this, and the notion can be found even in some religious thinking. In fact, it is the theme of one of my favorite hymns:

*Once to every man and nation comes a moment to decide  
In the strife of truth with falsehood for the good or evil side.*

I find this very dramatic, very appealing, very stirring. But is it good thinking? Popular culture likes this approach. Hollywood regularly turns out movies about regrettable characters who, after lives of regrettable behavior of one sort or another, suddenly, spontaneously, rise to unexpected challenges with exceptional displays of heroism, generosity, academic competency, or whatever. It is an understandable approach to movie making but not such a good way to examine and lead our lives.

I prefer to look at heroism in the light of Socrates' maxim, "We become what we habitually do." I fervently hope that God will never send any of us the opportunity to step in front of a bullet meant for another, but I know God sends all of us a steady stream of less dramatic, but very hard, things to do. If we truly become what we habitually do, then our challenge is to do the small, hard, honest things every day. Perhaps that would prove a preparation for a heroic challenge, perhaps not. But if we can do that over the course of a lifetime, we might do as much good for the world as one of our heroes, albeit without the medal.

When I became president of the Commission a year ago, a young reporter asked me, "What sort of changes do you expect to making?" My answer, in turn, seemed to surprise him. "None," I said. When Andrew Carnegie established the Commission in 1904, he made a clear statement of what he considered to be of enduring value in human character. Much has changed in our society since then, including many of our values. Through all that change, it is remarkable that in our modern society we still need heroes, we still find them in our midst, and we still honor their acts and spirits.



*Benjamin R. Fisher, Jr.*

Dedicated to the attainment of these goals was Benjamin R. Fisher, Jr., a Commission member who passed away unexpectedly in September. Ben joined us in 1992, and his commitment and service will be greatly missed.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mark Laskow". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mark Laskow  
President

DEED OF TRUST  
TO THE HERO FUND COMMISSION

Gentlemen: We live in a heroic age. Not seldom are we thrilled by deeds of heroism where men or women are injured or lose their lives in attempting to preserve or rescue their fellows; such the heroes of civilization. The heroes of barbarism maimed or killed theirs.

I have long felt that the heroes and those dependent upon them should be freed from pecuniary cares resulting from their heroism, and, as a fund for this purpose, I have transferred to the Commission five million dollars of First Collateral Five Per Cent. Bonds of the United States Steel Corporation, the proceeds to be used as follows:

FIRST. To place those following peaceful vocations, who have been injured in heroic effort to save human life, in somewhat better positions pecuniarily than before, until again able to work. In the case of death, the widow and children, or other dependents, to be provided for until she remarries, and the children until they reach a self-supporting age. For exceptional children exceptional grants may be made for exceptional education. Grants of sums of money may also be made to heroes or heroines as the Commission thinks advisable—each case to be judged on its merits.

SECOND. No grant is to be continued unless it be soberly and properly used, and the recipients remain respectable, well-behaved members of the community, but the heroes and heroines are to be given a fair trial, no matter what their antecedents. Heroes deserve pardon and a fresh start.

THIRD. A medal shall be given to the hero, or widow, or next of kin, which shall recite the heroic deed it commemorates, that descendants may know and be proud of their descent. The medal shall be given for the heroic act, even if the doer be uninjured, and also a sum of money, should the Commission deem such gift desirable.

FOURTH. Many cities provide pensions for policemen, firemen, teachers, and others, and some may give rewards for acts of heroism. All these and other facts the Commission will take into account and act accordingly in making grants. Nothing could be further from my intention than to deaden or interfere with these most creditable provisions, doubly precious as

showing public and municipal appreciation of faithful and heroic service. I ask from the Commission most careful guard against this danger. The medal can, of course, be offered in such cases. Whether something more can not judiciously be done, at the request of, or with the approval of, the city authorities, the Commission shall determine. I hope there can be.

FIFTH. The claims upon the Fund for some years can not exhaust it. After years, however, pensioners will become numerous. Should the Commission find, after allowing liberally for this, that a surplus will remain, it has power to make grants in case of accidents (preferably where a hero has appeared) to those injured. The action taken in the recent Harwick Mine accident, where Heroes Taylor and Lyle lost their lives, is an illustration. The community first raised a fund of forty thousand dollars, which was duplicated by me after waiting until the generosity of the community had full scope. Here again the Commission should be exceedingly careful, as in this case, not to deaden, but to stimulate employers or communities to do their part, for such action benefits givers themselves as well as recipients.

SIXTH. It seems probable that cities and employers on this continent will ultimately be placed under similar conditions to those of Britain, Germany, and other European States, and required to provide against accidents to employees. Therefore, the Commission, by a two-thirds vote, may devote any surplus that accrues beyond providing for heroes and their dependents (which provision must never be abandoned) to such other modes of benefiting those in want, chiefly caused through no fault of their own (such as drunkenness, laziness, crimes, etc.) but through exceptional circumstances, in such manner and to such extent as the Commission thinks advisable and likely to do more good than if such sums were given to those injured by accident, where the latter may be suitably provided for by law, or otherwise.

SEVENTH. The field embraced by the Fund is the United States of America, the Dominion of Canada, the Colony of Newfoundland, and the waters thereof. The sea is the scene of many heroic acts. No action more heroic than that of doctors and nurses volunteering their services in the case of epidemics. Railroad employees are remarkable for heroism. All these and similar cases are embraced. Whenever heroism is displayed by man or woman in saving human life, the Fund applies.

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EIGHTH. No personal liability will attach to members for any act of the Commission. The Commission has power to fill vacancies.

NINTH. The Commission has full power to sell, invest, or reinvest all funds; to employ all officials, including Secretary, traveling agents to visit and oversee beneficiaries, etc. and to fix their compensation. Members of the Commission shall be reimbursed all expenses incurred, including traveling expenses attending meetings. The President shall be granted such honoraria as the Commission thinks proper and as he can be prevailed upon to accept.

TENTH. An annual report, including a detailed statement of sums and medals granted and the reasons therefor, shall be made each year and published in at least one newspaper in the principal cities of the countries embraced by the Fund. A finely executed roll of the heroes and heroines shall be kept displayed in the office at Pittsburgh.

*Andrew Carnegie*

NEW YORK, MARCH 12TH, 1904  
WITNESS, LOUISE WHITFIELD CARNEGIE



## THE CARNEGIE MEDAL



### THE CARNEGIE MEDAL

IS AWARDED TO ONE WHO, AT THE RISK OF HIS OR HER OWN LIFE,  
SAVES OR ATTEMPTS TO SAVE THE LIFE OF ANOTHER PERSON.

Mr. Carnegie's embossed profile dominates the front of the medal. On the reverse side in low relief are shown the geographical outlines of the United States and Canada, the countries to which the Fund applies. In higher relief the seals of these countries are shown, with the United States below the inscription plate, and Canada and Newfoundland at the top left and right of it, respectively.

Relief work surrounding the inscription plate reveals a sprig of laurel underneath and sprigs of ivy, oak, and thistle at the top. Laurel typifies glory; ivy, friendship; oak, strength; and thistle, persistency. Encircling the relief work is a quotation from the New Testament (John XV, 13): "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

## REQUIREMENTS FOR A CARNEGIE MEDAL

There must be conclusive evidence that the person performing the act voluntarily risked his or her own life to an extraordinary degree in saving or attempting to save the life of another person, or voluntarily sacrificed himself or herself in a heroic manner for the benefit of others.

The act of rescue must be one in which no full measure of responsibility exists between the rescuer and the rescued.

The act must have been performed in the United States, Canada, or the waters thereof and must be brought to the attention of the Commission within two years of the date of rescue.

Persons *not* eligible for awards are: those whose duties in following their regular vocations require them to perform such acts, unless the rescues are clearly beyond the line of duty; members of the armed services; children considered by the Commission to be too young to comprehend the risks involved; and members of the same family, except in cases of outstanding heroism where the rescuer loses his or her life or is severely injured.

## AWARDS

A medal is presented to the person performing the act or, in case of death, to the widow, widower, or the next of kin.

When a rescuer loses his or her life in the performance of an act, contributions may be made toward the livelihood of the dependents. If the rescuer is disabled in the performance of the act, periodic contributions may be made to his or her livelihood. If the rescuer is not injured, a monetary grant may nevertheless be made, should the Commission deem such gift desirable. Awardees and the dependents of posthumous and disabled awardees are eligible for scholarship assistance.

The benefits to be paid and the manner of payment are determined by the Commission after consideration of the circumstances of each awardee. Continuing benefits are paid only if there is clear need for such assistance and only if such benefits are soberly and properly used and the recipients remain respectable members of their communities.

## HEROIC ACTS RECOGNIZED DURING 2002

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE CITED BY THE  
CARNEGIE HERO FUND COMMISSION IN 2002 FOR HAVING PERFORMED  
OUTSTANDING ACTS OF HEROISM. IN EACH CASE,  
A CARNEGIE MEDAL AND A FINANCIAL GRANT OF \$3,500 WERE AWARDED.

### JOSEPH S. AH-HING LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Joseph S. Ah-Hing rescued Beverly A. Slaney from assault, Long Beach, California, June 25, 2001. Ms. Slaney, 39, was driving a city bus on a residential street at night when the sole passenger approached her and struck her in the face. Ms. Slaney stopped the bus and struggled against the assailant, who had produced a knife and began to stab her. Ms. Slaney shouted for help, attracting the attention of Ah-Hing, 44, machine operator, who lived nearby. Ah-Hing responded to the bus doors, which Ms. Slaney opened, and saw that the assailant was armed with a knife. Ah-Hing stepped onto the bus, grasped the assailant, and threw him down the bus steps to the street. The assailant dropped the knife to the pavement. Other neighbors arrived and helped to restrain the assailant until police responded shortly and arrested him. Ms. Slaney required hospital treatment for multiple stab wounds, to her arm, face, and head. 75467-8583

### CHRISTOPHER BERNECKER GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

Christopher Bernecker helped to rescue Emery G. Welch from burning, Clarkston, Michigan, September 27, 2000. Welch, 76, lay at one end of the hall of his one-story house after fire erupted in the living room, which was just off that end of the hall. A man who had been passing by entered the house through a door in the far end of the hall, found Welch, and dragged him toward the door, but he was repulsed by dense smoke and intense heat and had to return outside for fresh air. Bernecker, 22, construction worker, and a coworker arrived at the scene and entered the house in a rescue attempt, but they too were repulsed by conditions. Bernecker re-entered the house along with the first man who had responded. They crawled through



the hall to Welch, then each grasped Welch by an ankle and, dragging him, returned to the door. From there, the other construction worker helped to carry Welch to safety. Welch was hospitalized for treatment of smoke inhalation and internal burns. Bernecker exhibited signs of smoke inhalation, and he recovered.

74845-8571

GLENN S. BINGHAM  
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

Glenn S. Bingham helped to save Tyshawn Edlow from drowning, Jamestown, Virginia, June 25, 2001. Tyshawn, 10, was wading in College Creek, near its mouth with the James River, when he entered deeper water and began to struggle. The screams of a woman on the adjoining beach attracted the attention of Bingham, 59, meteorologist and clergyman, who was nearby. Although he was not a strong swimmer, Bingham immediately entered the creek, which was affected by the tide, then flowing, and waded and swam about 100 feet to Tyshawn. He tired quickly. Bingham dived for Tyshawn, who had submerged, and took him to the surface. A brief struggle ensued. Tyshawn then became motionless, and Bingham towed him toward the bank but had to stop twice because of fatigue, each time submerging. When they were near the bank, another man waded and swam out to them and returned Tyshawn to the beach. The other man re-entered the water for Bingham, who was exhausted, and pulled him in. Tyshawn revived on the beach but required hospitalization. Bingham also was taken to a hospital for treatment, and he recovered.

75438-8651

JOSEPH CLARK BROCK  
MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

Joseph Clark Brock helped to save Elmer D. Deal from burning, Martinsville, Virginia, December 28, 2000. Deal, 79, remained in the living room of his second-floor apartment, in a two-story commercial building, after fire broke out on the first floor at night and filled the building with smoke. Unable to walk unaided, he broke out a living room window and called for help. Driving nearby, Brock, 21, machine operator, saw smoke issuing from the building, then saw Deal leaning out the window. After reporting the fire, Brock responded to an outside door that opened to Deal's apartment. Despite

dense smoke that extended almost to the floor, he entered the apartment repeatedly, crawling, before having to retreat for air. He crawled inside a final time and reached Deal. A 12-year-old boy also had responded to the building, entered the apartment, and encountered Deal. As flames spread quickly in the building, Brock and the boy took Deal through the apartment and outside to safety. The building was destroyed by the fire. Deal required hospitalization for treatment of smoke inhalation, and he recovered. Brock was given oxygen at the scene for having inhaled smoke, and he too recovered. 75036-8587

### ANITA BOWDEN BROWN

ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA

Anita Bowden Brown saved a boy from being struck by a truck, Eufaula, Alabama, October 11, 2001. A small boy, about 2, walked onto a four-lane federal highway near his home and stood in the outside lane. Ms. Brown, 34, administrative assistant, was a passenger in a van that was approaching the scene in that lane. Seeing the boy, the driver of the van pulled onto the highway shoulder and stopped at a point opposite him. Ms. Brown immediately left the van, ran around the front of it, and entered the highway as fast-moving vehicles, including a tractor-trailer, approached. She ran to the boy and picked him up, then returned to the shoulder. Seeing the situation ahead of him as he approached in that lane, the driver of the tractor-trailer took his vehicle toward the inside lane, passing the scene within seconds of the rescue. That vehicle and two others were involved in minor collisions at the scene and came to rest at points just opposite and ahead of the van that Ms. Brown had been in. No one was seriously injured. 75676-8645

### EUGENE BROWN

MANAHAWKIN, NEW JERSEY

Eugene Brown attempted to rescue Jennifer C. Missel from assault, Wall, New Jersey, November 28, 2001. While at work in an office on the second floor of a two-story building, Ms. Missel, 31, was approached by a man who then grasped her and held her at gunpoint. At work on the first floor, Brown, 37, service manager, was alerted to the confrontation. He climbed the stairs to the second floor, then approached the assailant, shouting at him. The

assailant turned to Brown and at close range shot him in the shoulder. Brown collapsed to the floor and lay there. The assailant shot Ms. Missel also, and as he reloaded the gun, she fled the building through a second-floor exit and descended an external stairway to the ground. The assailant followed her to the stairway, where he shot and killed himself. Brown returned to the first floor, from where he was taken to the hospital for treatment of his wound. Ms. Missel also required hospital treatment for her wound; she was detained overnight, and she recovered.

75750-8636

### KEVIN W. BROWN

LAUREL, MARYLAND

Kevin W. Brown helped to save Kevin H. Scott from suffocation, Mitchellville, Maryland, June 1, 2000. Scott, 42, lay on the second floor of his two-story house, at the head of the stairs, after helping one of his daughters attempt to rescue his other daughter from her bedroom; fire had broken out in an adjacent room and filled the floor with dense smoke. Brown, 28, customer service supervisor, who lived across the street, and his father saw smoke issuing from the house and immediately responded to the scene. They entered the house through the front door and, after searching the first floor for any occupants, climbed the stairs to the second floor, but they were repulsed by smoke and left the house for air. They entered the house a second time, climbed the stairs, and found Scott. Brown and his father grasped Scott and pulled him down the stairs to the first floor, then outside to safety. After Scott told the men that his daughters remained on the second floor, Brown and his father entered the house a third time and climbed partway up the stairs before being repulsed by deteriorating conditions. As he returned down the stairs, Brown fell, landing on his shoulder and dislocating it. Firefighters arrived and removed the girls, but they did not survive. Brown showed effects of smoke inhalation, and he required hospital treatment for the injury to his arm. He recovered.

74592-8576

WILLIAM A. BROWN  
MITCHELLVILLE, MARYLAND

William A. Brown helped to save Kevin H. Scott from suffocation, Mitchellville, Maryland, June 1, 2000. Scott, 42, lay on the second floor of his two-story house, at the head of the stairs, after helping one of his daughters attempt to rescue his other daughter from her bedroom; fire had broken out in an adjacent room and filled the floor with dense smoke. Brown, 57, letter carrier, who lived across the street, and his son saw smoke issuing from the house and immediately responded to the scene. They entered the house through the front door and, after searching the first floor for any occupants, climbed the stairs to the second floor, but they were repulsed by smoke and left the house for air. They entered the house a second time, climbed the stairs, and found Scott. Brown and his son grasped Scott and pulled him down the stairs to the first floor, then outside to safety. After Scott told the men that his daughters remained on the second floor, Brown and his son entered the house a third time and climbed partway up the stairs before being repulsed by deteriorating conditions. Firefighters arrived and removed the girls, but they did not survive. Brown showed effects of smoke inhalation, and he recovered. 75179-8575

STEVEN BRUNELLE  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Steven Brunelle rescued Kenneth C. Mickelsen from burning, San Diego, California, February 19, 2000. Mickelsen, 29, remained in the driver's seat of a sport utility vehicle that, at night, left the highway, rolled down an embankment, and, coming to rest upside down, caught fire. Traveling on the same highway, Brunelle, 39, route sales representative, witnessed the accident and stopped at the scene. He descended the embankment to the passenger side of the vehicle, where he found Mickelsen, semiconscious, suspended by his safety belt and aflame. Brunelle extended his upper body through the window of the front passenger door and patted out flames on Mickelsen's leg. He then released Mickelsen's safety belt and, though Mickelsen outweighed him greatly, dragged him from the vehicle and assisted him back to the highway. Flames on the vehicle grew and shortly engulfed it. Mickelsen required hospitalization for severe burns to his leg and an arm. 75351-8604

RANDALL K. BURRIS, DECEASED  
ATHENS, GEORGIA

Randall K. Burris died after attempting to save Nyah A. Carlson from being struck by an automobile, Athens, Georgia, November 25, 2001. Nyah, 2 months old, was in a stroller that was stopped along the side of a road in a residential neighborhood while her mother stood there talking to Burris, 39, contract specialist, who lived at the scene. A car being driven erratically sped toward them. Nyah's mother immediately pushed the stroller onto the adjoining lawn, but it became stuck there. With the car bearing down on them, Burris grasped the stroller and began to run farther into the lawn with it. The car left the roadway, entered the lawn, and struck Burris, throwing him and the stroller to the ground. The car then returned to the road and sped from the scene, but its driver was apprehended later. Burris and Nyah were taken to the hospital, where Nyah was detained a day for observation and treatment of bruises. She recovered. Burris died of his injuries two days after the rescue. 75742-8630

BRIAN MICHAEL CARTER  
DRACUT, MASSACHUSETTS

Brian Michael Carter helped to save Jonathan D. Roark from burning, Dracut, Massachusetts, August 12, 2001. Roark, 28, was suspended by his safety belt in the driver's seat of an inverted and burning car after an accident at night. At home in a nearby house, Carter, 23, college student, heard the accident, then was told to call for help by a man who had witnessed it. After doing so, Carter responded to the car. As fire conditions worsened, he and the other man stood at the driver's side of the car and worked to free Roark. The other man lifted the car's frame, which enabled Carter to pull Roark out. Roark walked away from the wreckage. He was not burned, but he required hospital treatment for injuries sustained in the accident. 75564-8632



DENNIS LORENZO CARTER  
MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

Dennis Lorenzo Carter helped to save Elmer D. Deal from burning, Martinsville, Virginia, December 28, 2000. Deal, 79, remained in the living room of his second-floor apartment, in a two-story commercial building, after fire broke out on the first floor at night and filled the building with smoke. Unable to walk unaided, he broke out a living room window and called for help. Riding in a car nearby, Dennis, 12, student, saw smoke issuing from the building, then saw Deal leaning out the window. He responded to an outside door that opened to Deal's apartment. Despite dense smoke that extended almost to the floor, he entered the apartment, crawling, before having to retreat for air. He crawled inside again and reached Deal. A man also had responded to the building, entered the apartment, and encountered Deal. As flames spread quickly in the building, Dennis and the man took Deal through the apartment and outside to safety. The building was destroyed by the fire. Deal required hospitalization for treatment of smoke inhalation, and Dennis also was treated at the hospital for smoke inhalation. They recovered. 75037-8588

CHRISTOPHER J. CHAPMAN, DECEASED  
EDINA, MINNESOTA

Christopher J. Chapman died attempting to help save a boy from drowning, Pensacola Beach, Florida, April 3, 2001. A 10-year-old boy was swimming with a boogie board in the Gulf of Mexico when he became caught by a strong current that took him farther from shore and kept him from returning. From the beach, the boy's mother and another woman waded and swam to him. They grasped hold of the board and struggled to swim free of the current. Chapman, 44, food and beverage manager, was walking on the beach in the vicinity when he saw the situation. He immediately entered the water and also waded and swam to the boy. After the group was submerged in the breaking waves, the other woman helped the boy and his mother regain their hold of the board, and she continued struggling to free them from the current. Aided from the water by others, they were nearly exhausted but did not require medical treatment, and they recovered. Chapman was removed from the water by arriving rescue personnel, but he could not be revived. He had drowned. 75208-8560

SAAD AHMAD CHAUDRY  
LINCOLNWOOD, ILLINOIS

Saad Ahmad Chaudry saved Francisco Orozco from being struck by a train, Niles, Illinois, July 21, 2001. Late at night, Orozco, 44, remained in the driver's seat of his car, which had left the highway at a railroad crossing and came to rest on the tracks. The passenger of another car at the scene, Chaudry, 20, college student, witnessed the incident. He ran to Orozco's car as the crossing's warning mechanisms activated, signaling the approach of a high-speed train that was then about a half-mile away. With less than a minute's clearance, Chaudry shouted at Orozco to get out of the car, but Orozco remained seated there. As the train bore down at undiminished speed, Chaudry opened the driver's door and, the train's light then on them, pulled Orozco from the vehicle. He fell backward, Orozco atop him. The train went into emergency braking at the scene but struck the car, demolishing it and pushing it down the track. Neither Orozco nor Chaudry was injured seriously. 75691-8661

CHANG BAE CHO, DECEASED  
EUREKA, CALIFORNIA

Chang Bae Cho died after attempting to save Ka-Eun Yoo from drowning, Willow Creek, California, July 13, 2001. Ms. Yoo, 20, and a friend were wading in the Trinity River when they entered water beyond their depth. They struggled to stay afloat in the swift current and shouted for help. A member of their party, Cho, 20, college student, was on the nearer bank. Although he did not know how to swim, Cho waded into the river and reached for Ms. Yoo, who was about 15 feet out. Making contact with her, Cho also entered the deeper water, then he and Ms. Yoo held onto each other as they struggled, submerging and resurfacing. Cho was carried downstream to where he submerged for the last time, and Ms. Yoo was able to swim to the opposite bank. Another man entered the river and rescued the friend then attempted to rescue Cho before returning to the bank. Arriving rescue personnel recovered Cho from the bottom of the river. He was taken to the hospital but could not be revived. He had drowned. 75698-8657

EDWARD CHRISTENSON, JR.  
HUNTINGTOWN, MARYLAND

Edward Christenson, Jr., saved Erin Long from drowning, Oak Island, North Carolina, August 13, 2001. While in the Atlantic Ocean, Erin, 16, came to be unconscious, and he floated face down in the rough surf about 150 feet from shore. On the beach nearby, Edward, 16, high school student, was alerted to the situation. He ran into the water and swam to Erin, then worked to gain a hold of him. When Erin submerged, Edward went after him and returned him to the surface. Holding Erin with one arm, Edward swam with the other against the surf and a strong seaward current. As they neared shore, others, including a nurse, entered the water and took Erin from Edward, who by then was weakened, and removed him to the beach. The nurse revived Erin, who was then taken to the hospital for treatment. Edward was not injured, but he required medical attention a day later for related effects, and he recovered.

75560-8649

DAVID M. CIRASUOLO  
NEW YORK MILLS, NEW YORK

David M. Cirusuolo helped to save Jacki R. Metz and four others from drowning, Rome, New York, June 28, 2001. Ms. Metz, 28, and four others, including two children, were aboard a 17-foot boat on Lake Delta when the boat's motor failed. Despite the party's efforts to restart the motor and to paddle to safety, the boat was drawn by the current toward the spillway of a dam. Water flowed over the spillway, which had a 60-foot drop to the river below. In his friend's 18-foot boat about a quarter-mile away, Cirusuolo, 34, and the friend saw the distressed boat and immediately responded to the scene. As they approached, Ms. Metz and the others of her party entered the lake, and, from a point near the dam, Cirusuolo and his friend pulled the children from the water into their boat. Cirusuolo and his friend took their boat to two of the adults who were at the distressed vessel, which by then was lodged against the spillway. As Cirusuolo and his friend secured one of the adults, their boat struck the distressed one, but did not dislodge it, and itself became immobilized, temporarily, against the spillway. Freeing their boat, Cirusuolo and his friend positioned it for the rescue of the other adult, and again it became immobilized against the spillway. Another boat responded



about then, and the third adult from Ms. Metz's party, who had remained in the water, swam a line from Cirusuolo's and his friend's boat to it. That boat towed the latter from the spillway to open water, after which Cirusuolo and his friend took it, all victims aboard, to safety. 75450-8602

JOHN H. CLENDENING III  
WESTLAND, MICHIGAN

John H. Clendening III helped attempt to save Thomas L. Stewart from drowning, Cookeville, Tennessee, January 23, 2002. Stewart, 20, was one of a three-man public-works crew dispatched to a residential neighborhood to attend to flash flooding after a period of heavy rain. Wearing chest-high waders, he was swept feet first into one of two adjacent 36-inch pipes that took the rushing floodwater beneath a road surface. Able to cling to the edge of the pipe but nearly submerged, he called for help. His two coworkers responded immediately, one of them, Clendening, 22, entering the flooded area to grasp and secure him. The other coworker called for help and obtained a length of chain that they tied to Stewart in an attempt to extract him from the pipe. Other public works employees responded, and two passersby stopped to assist, one of whom entered the flooded area but was almost immediately swept through the adjacent pipe. The level of the water rose, submerging Stewart, yet Clendening maintained his grasp of him. Arriving rescue personnel secured Clendening and, after extended effort, removed him from the flooded area. He was taken to the hospital for treatment of hypothermia and bruising, then he required additional medical treatment for related effects. Stewart's body, as well as that of the passerby, were recovered hours later. They had drowned. 76006-8665

CARLOS CONCEIÇÃO  
BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

Carlos Conceição saved Timothy M. Mansfield from burning, Derby, Connecticut, July 31, 2001. Mansfield, 23, and a coworker remained inside Mansfield's automobile after an accident in which the car left the highway, struck a tree, and caught fire. Another motorist, Conceição, 21, electrician, witnessed the accident and stopped at the scene. Flames issued from the engine area and grew quickly, producing heavy smoke and intense heat.

Seeing that the extent of the car's damage precluded the use of its doors or windows, Conceição crawled atop the wreckage, reached through the sunroof, and pulled Mansfield out. After helping Mansfield's coworker climb through the sunroof, Conceição lowered Mansfield to the ground and dragged him away. Flames shortly spread to the interior of the car and consumed it. Mansfield and his coworker required hospitalization for extensive injuries. 75536-8646

## MICHAEL CONNOLLY

EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN

Michael Connolly helped to save Jacob I. MacLean from drowning, Grand Marais, Michigan, August 7, 2000. Swimming in Lake Superior, Jacob, 9, and his father encountered a strong current and high waves that prevented them from returning to shore. From a bluff overlooking the lake, a man saw them and alerted Connolly, 48, teacher, who was nearby. Connolly and the other man responded to the beach with a canoe, but their attempts to launch the craft against the breakers were not successful. Having donned life jackets, Connolly taking an additional one with him, they then dived into the lake, despite its 54-degree temperature, and swam to Jacob, who was by then at least 300 feet out. The other man reached Jacob first and supported him until Connolly arrived and put the life jacket on him. They then attempted to return to shore but became separated by the rough water. Meanwhile, another man, and his teenage son, entered the water with the canoe for use as a flotation device as they swam to Jacob. Holding onto the canoe, those two rescuers and Jacob swam toward shore, fighting the current and overtaking waves. They discarded the canoe near shore, and the teenage son swam Jacob to wadable water, where they were assisted from the lake, as was the teenager's father. Connolly and the other man swam with difficulty toward shore and likewise were aided from the water, by others using rope. Jacob, Connolly, and the other rescuers were tired but otherwise uninjured. Jacob's father drowned. 74821-8565

SHANE COOPER, DECEASED  
ALPINE, TENNESSEE

Shane Cooper died helping attempt to save Thomas L. Stewart from drowning, Cookeville, Tennessee, January 23, 2002. Stewart, 20, was one of a three-man public-works crew dispatched to a residential neighborhood to attend to flash flooding after a period of heavy rain. Wearing chest-high waders, he was swept feet first into one of two adjacent 36-inch pipes that took the rushing floodwater beneath a road surface. Able to cling to the edge of the pipe but nearly submerged, he called for help. His two coworkers responded immediately, one of them entering the flooded area to grasp and secure Stewart. Other public-works employees responded, as did Cooper, 26, cable installer, who was driving by. Cooper entered the flooded area but was almost immediately swept through the adjacent pipe. The level of the water rose, submerging Stewart. Arriving rescue personnel secured the coworker and, after extended effort, removed him from the flooded area. Cooper's body, as well as that of Stewart, were recovered hours later. They had drowned.

75837-8666

MICHAEL J. COSTELLO  
AMHERST, OHIO

Michael J. Costello saved Eleanor M. Coe from burning, Amherst, Ohio, April 19, 2002. At night, Ms. Coe, 87, was asleep in the bedroom in one end of her mobile home after fire broke out in the sunroom, which was attached to the side of the structure. A neighbor, Costello, 28, production worker, discovered the fire and immediately responded to the scene. Failing to get a response from Ms. Coe, Costello kicked in the front door and entered the mobile home. Passing the burning sunroom, he ran through a hall toward Ms. Coe's bedroom as flames started to enter the hall. He located Ms. Coe, then grasped her by the hand and led her through the hall, past the flames, to the front door, then outside to safety. Neither was injured. The mobile home was destroyed in the fire.

76030-8663

JERRY L. CROLL  
ALIQUIPPA, PENNSYLVANIA

Jerry L. Croll rescued John Dunlap from assault, Clairton, Pennsylvania, October 19, 2000. Dunlap, 26, a police officer, was attempting to apprehend a man who had just shot him repeatedly about the upper body, inflicting multiple bullet wounds, including one to a hand. They struggled on the pavement for control of the assailant's gun. From his vehicle at the scene, Croll, 57, heavy equipment operator, had witnessed the shooting. He then drove to where the men were struggling, exited his vehicle, and responded on foot. Croll grasped the hand with which the assailant was choking Dunlap and secured it. He then helped Dunlap secure the assailant's other hand, which held the gun. Dunlap threw the gun from the assailant's reach, then he and Croll held the assailant until another police officer arrived shortly. Dunlap was hospitalized a week for treatment of his injuries. 74911-8655

STEVEN CROSBY  
SHERWOOD PARK, ALBERTA

Steven Crosby saved Gizelle M. L. Kennedy from burning, Sherwood Park, Alberta, June 23, 2001. Ms. Kennedy, 38, was unconscious in her car after an accident in which the car left the highway, came to rest overturned onto its roof, and caught fire in its engine compartment. Crosby, 41, off-duty police officer, approached the scene in his vehicle and saw the burning car, then saw Ms. Kennedy inside. After flagging down another motorist who then called for help, Crosby went to the burning car and partially entered it through the window of the driver's door. He released Ms. Kennedy's safety belt, then exited the car, pulling her. Finding that Ms. Kennedy's leg was caught in the steering wheel, Crosby re-entered the car and freed it. He then pulled her from the car and dragged her across the highway to safety. The car was shortly engulfed by flames. Ms. Kennedy required hospital treatment for injuries sustained in the accident, but she was not burned. Crosby strained his right shoulder, and he recovered. 75436-8625

## GARRETT RAYMOND CUPPELS

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

Garrett Raymond Cuppels attempted to save Matthew Beaufort from drowning, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 6, 2000. Beaufort dropped from a bridge spanning the Schuylkill River and struggled to stay afloat in the 10-foot-deep, murky water. On the far bank of the river, Cuppels, 25, medical school student, concluded that Beaufort could not swim and that assembled emergency personnel were not then effecting a rescue. Cuppels made his way to the river, discarding items of attire, then entered the water and swam about 350 feet to where Beaufort, who had submerged by then, was last seen. Cuppels dived and found Beaufort lying on the bottom of the river. He pulled him to the surface, then, finding him unconscious and not breathing, applied mouth-to-mouth resuscitation while he swam toward the other bank, which was closer, towing Beaufort. A man entered the water from that bank, swam to them, and helped briefly. At a point about 30 feet from the bank, Cuppels stood in wadable water and pulled Beaufort the rest of the way in. Emergency personnel attempted to revive Beaufort and took him to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead of drowning. Cuppels was winded after the rescue and sustained minor bruising; he recovered. 75361-8598

## CHRISTINE DECOURT

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Christine DeCourt helped attempt to rescue Kevin B. Shifflett from assault, Alexandria, Virginia, April 19, 2000. Kevin, 8, was playing in the front yard of his great-grandparents' house in a city neighborhood when a man armed with a knife approached him and, without provocation, stabbed him repeatedly. Approaching the scene on the sidewalk, Ms. DeCourt, 51, office manager, saw the assault when she was about 60 feet away. She immediately ran toward the assailant, crying out for him to stop. When Ms. DeCourt reached the assailant, he stabbed her in the abdomen, pushing her away. Kevin's great-grandmother came out of the house and intervened also as Ms. DeCourt, badly wounded, walked with difficulty to a nearby parking lot, where she collapsed. The assailant left the scene on foot. Ms. DeCourt was taken to the hospital, where she was detained a week for treatment of her stab wound, which required surgery. She recovered. Kevin died of his wounds at the scene. 75753-8607



BARBARA ANN D'HONDT

NOVI, MICHIGAN

Barbara Ann D'Hondt saved Mitchell A. R. Kovac from burning, Novi, Michigan, October 2, 2001. Mitchell, 4, was asleep in the master bedroom in one end of his family's mobile home after fire broke out in the adjoining utility room. Discovering the fire, his older brother alerted a neighbor, Ms. D'Hondt, 42, molding operator, who immediately responded to the scene. Ms. D'Hondt entered the mobile home through its front door and searched for Mitchell in the bathroom and bedroom in the opposite end of the structure. Although smoke by then precluded visibility, she then went to the master bedroom, en route passing the burning utility room. Finding Mitchell, Ms. D'Hondt woke him, then picked him up, returned to the front door, and exited the mobile home to safety with him. Mitchell and Ms. D'Hondt sustained minor smoke inhalation from which they recovered.

75662-8606

JEFFREY J. DUDARENKE

FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN

Jeffrey J. Dudarenke helped to save David M. Wirtz and four other men from drowning, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, September 21, 2000. Wirtz, 35, and four other men were ejected from a moving, 42-foot powerboat into the cold water of Lake Winnebago at a point about 1.5 miles from the closest shore. The boat continued, out of control at about 50 m.p.h., in circles around them. In a 35-foot powerboat about a half-mile away, Dudarenke, 36, research and development engine technician, and two other men witnessed the accident and immediately responded toward the scene. As the out-of-control boat continued its course, Dudarenke and the two other men took their boat into the circle to approach the victims. Dudarenke and one of the other men hauled each victim aboard while the third man maneuvered the boat to avoid its being struck by the runaway one, which passed as close as 15 feet. Once all five victims were aboard, Dudarenke and the two other men returned their boat to shore, where the victims were given medical treatment for multiple bruises. They recovered. The runaway boat continued to circle until its course took it toward shore, where it was partially disabled by striking the lake bottom. Its speed slowed, the boat was stopped and returned to shore by officers of the sheriff's department.

74879-8595

LUKAS C. DUNKIN  
LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE

Lukas C. Dunkin saved Robert L. Justice, Jr., from drowning, Elgin, Alabama, October 26, 2001. Justice, 58, and another man were fishing from a boat in Wilson Lake near a hydroelectric dam. Strong winds against the lake's swift current caused rough water that capsized their craft and threw them into the lake at a point about 1,800 feet from the closer bank. Fishing the calmer waters of a protected harbor along that bank, Dunkin, 18, college student, heard Justice shout for help. Although his bass boat was not intended for conditions of the type, Dunkin took it from the harbor and over the course of several minutes responded cautiously through the five-foot-waves to the scene. Dunkin neared Justice but was forced to circle him repeatedly out of the fear of striking him with his boat. Failing to secure Justice by rope, Dunkin positioned his boat alongside him, then, leaving the boat's controls for the bow deck, Dunkin, with difficulty, hauled Justice aboard. Dunkin then returned his boat to the bank, Justice nearly unconscious atop the bow deck. Justice was taken to the hospital, where he was treated for hypothermia. He recovered. His friend's body was recovered from the lake later that day. 75705-8664

CHRISTOPHER DUPLESSIS  
MASON TOWNSHIP, MAINE

Christopher Duplessis helped to rescue Edward C. W. Romney from burning, Gorham, New Hampshire, June 22, 2001. Unconscious and secured by safety restraints, Romney, 37, remained in his racecar after an accident in which the vehicle left the racecourse, struck a tree, and caught fire. A course volunteer, Christopher, 14, student, was stationed nearby and with his father ran to the scene, where they found the car almost fully aflame. As Christopher's father used a fire extinguisher against the flames, Christopher approached the driver's side of the vehicle, reached through the opened door, and grasped Romney, who had been partially aflame. As Romney was still secured by his wrist straps, Christopher pulled to free him. He removed Romney from the car, then was joined by his father in dragging Romney farther away. Romney required hospital treatment for second-degree burns to his right arm, right leg, and face, and other injuries. 75651-8648

DAVID MATTHEW ELTON, DECEASED  
CALGARY, ALBERTA

David Matthew Elton died helping attempt to save Barbara D. Clement from drowning, Shelter Cove, California, March 25, 2000. Ms. Clement, 45, who was chaperoning a group of high school students hiking a remote trail along a beach of the Pacific Ocean, was struck by a wave, knocked from her feet, and carried toward the surf by the very swift backwash. David, 17, and another of the male students immediately dropped their backpacks and ran to Ms. Clement, who was struggling to regain her footing. David and the other student were last seen on either side of Ms. Clement when a large wave broke over them and took them into the surf. A third male student and another of the chaperones ran toward them, but they too were overtaken by the backwash and were swept into the ocean and carried seaward by a strong current. Fishing boats responded to the scene and removed Ms. Clement, the other chaperone, and the third student from the 48-degree water, one of the fishermen single-handedly having to penetrate deeply the area of 12-foot breakers for the other chaperone, who was nearer shore. Ms. Clement drowned, but the other chaperone and the third student recovered after hospital treatment. The bodies of David and the student who had responded with him were recovered from the surf four and three days later, respectively. They too had drowned.

74353-8590

ROBERT E. EVANS  
MACON, GEORGIA

Robert E. Evans saved Zachary W. and helped to save Caleb W. Griffin from drowning, Jekyll Island, Georgia, July 5, 2001. Zachary, 13, and Caleb, 15, were with their father, another man, and that man's teen-aged son on a sandbar that extended into the Atlantic Ocean when the rising tide stranded them in deep water. Apart from the others, Zachary and his father swam toward the beach but experienced difficulty in the tide, a strong current, and three-foot swells. Tiring, they called out for help. Bicycling near the beach, Evans, 34, caterer, saw the victims in the water and immediately responded. Discarding his shirt and shoes, Evans ran into the water, then swam out to Zachary and his father, who were about 600 feet from the beach. He took hold of Zachary and swam him to shore, Zachary's father following. After obtaining a small flotation device, Evans re-entered the water and swam out



to Caleb, reaching him also at a point about 600 feet from shore. Evans gave Caleb the flotation device, then remained with him for several minutes, until they were joined by a man with a small, inflatable raft. That man returned Caleb to shore while Evans remained to search for the other man in the victims' party. Unable to locate him after several minutes, Evans returned to shore, tired. Although his son was rescued from the water, that man drowned; his body was found that night. 75465-8629

PAUL GARY FARIAS, DECEASED  
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

Paul Gary Farias died saving Juan A. Clark from drowning, Corpus Christi, Texas, June 9, 2001. Juan, 10, was swimming in the Gulf of Mexico when he found himself in water beyond his depth. He struggled to stay afloat, submerging repeatedly. Members of his party, including Farias, 33, registered nurse, were in wadable water nearby. After being alerted to Juan's difficulty, Farias immediately swam to him, but he too struggled in the deeper water. Farias managed to throw Juan in the direction of the beach, and Juan returned to shore on his own. Farias submerged. He was found by another swimmer some minutes later and was returned to the beach, then taken to the hospital, but efforts to revive him were not successful. He had drowned. 75394-8594

ROBERT JOHN FECZKO  
REDMOND, WASHINGTON

Robert John Feczko helped to save Heidi L. Wright from drowning, Ocean Shores, Washington, June 26, 2001. Wading in the Pacific Ocean, Ms. Wright, 18, and her sister and brother attempted to return to shore from about 600 feet out, but a seaward current prevented them. Ms. Wright and her sister yelled for help, attracting the attention of people on shore, including Robert, 15, high school student. Discarding his outer attire, Robert immediately waded and swam to Ms. Wright, who was being supported, with difficulty, by her brother. Robert grasped Ms. Wright and attempted to swim to shore with her, but because of the current, he made little progress. He remained with Ms. Wright, supporting her, until surf rescue team members

responded shortly and took her and her siblings to shore by means of personal watercraft. Robert swam and waded back to shore. He and the three victims all required hospital treatment for effects of the ordeal, and they recovered. 75466-8643

GARY GEORGE FERRIER, DECEASED  
DURHAM, ONTARIO

Gary George Ferrier died attempting to save Heinrich Redekopp from suffocation, Drayton, Ontario, August 15, 2000. Redekopp, 23, entered the empty, 4,000-gallon tank of a liquid manure spreader at the farm where he was working and was overcome by manure gas. Working nearby, Ferrier, 32, the farm's foreman, was alerted. He immediately responded to the scene and entered the tank for Redekopp but within moments was also overcome. Of the other farm workers then responding, one entered the tank with a rope and was seen tying the rope around Ferrier when he too was overcome and collapsed. Arriving firefighters removed all three men from the tank, but none could be revived. 74743-8619

JAMES MARTIN FLETCHER  
ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON

James Martin Fletcher rescued Jay P. McCarthy from burning, Goldendale, Washington, August 15, 2000. Jay, 14, remained in the cab of a pickup truck after it was involved in a violent collision on a two-lane highway with a tractor-trailer. Seriously damaged and aflame, the pickup was thrown to the side of the highway. The driver of the tractor-trailer, Fletcher, 51, stunned but uninjured, responded to the passenger side of the pickup, where he saw Jay in the burning wreckage of the cab. Despite intense heat, he repositioned Jay to free him, then pulled him out of the wreckage and dragged him away. Two other truckers who had been driving on the highway also responded to the burning pickup, and they rescued another 14-year-old boy. The boys were hospitalized for treatment of extensive and severe injuries, including third-degree burns and broken bones. The driver of the pickup was ejected from the vehicle during the accident and died at the scene. 75588-8638

SHANE MICHAEL GARNEAU

DRACUT, MASSACHUSETTS

Shane Michael Garneau helped to save Jonathan D. Roark from burning, Dracut, Massachusetts, August 12, 2001. Roark, 28, was suspended by his safety belt in the driver's seat of an inverted and burning car after an accident at night. Having witnessed the accident while walking nearby, Garneau, 18, landscaper, ran to a house at the scene and told a man there to call for help. Garneau then responded to the car and attempted to dislodge Roark from the wreckage. He was joined by the man from the house and, as fire conditions worsened, he and that man stood at the driver's side of the car and worked to free Roark. Garneau lifted the car's frame, which enabled the other man to pull Roark out. Roark walked away from the wreckage. He was not burned, but he required hospital treatment for injuries sustained in the accident. Garneau sustained minor cuts on his hands, and he recovered. 75563-8631

JERRY GIBSON

LOYALL, KENTUCKY

Jerry Gibson saved Jennifer Petrey from assault, Harlan, Kentucky, April 23, 2002. Ms. Petrey, 37, was at her desk in the bank where she worked when a man approached, grasped her, and forced her toward a utility room at the back of the premises. Her coworker, Gibson, 35, customer service representative, followed them, telling the assailant to release Ms. Petrey. When they reached the door to the back room, Gibson grasped the assailant, freeing Ms. Petrey, but the assailant then produced a loaded handgun. Gibson and the assailant immediately struggled for control of the weapon, which fired. Ms. Petrey fled the bank. During their struggle, the assailant bit Gibson repeatedly about the hands, but Gibson gained control of the gun, then relieved it of its remaining bullets. He took the assailant from the bank outside to police, who arrested him. Gibson required hospital treatment for his bite wounds and scratches, and he recovered. 76061-8656

PETER J. GLADDEN

HUDSON, OHIO

Peter J. Gladden helped to save Michael E. Graves from drowning, Pangnirtung, Nunavut, July 31, 2001. Hiking a trail in a national park reserve above the Arctic Circle, Graves, 54, attempted to wade across a channel of the Turner River, a glacial stream that carried meltwater from Turner Glacier into Glacier Lake. He lost his footing and was swept by the swift, turbulent water into the ice-cold lake. During rescue attempts, three other members of his group also lost their footing in the channel and were carried into the lake. Gladden, 44, business manager, in another hiking group, was within sight of the scene and witnessed the accident. Accompanied by his group's guide and another man, Gladden responded to the mouth of the river. Having quickly lost feeling, Graves was farther from shore than the three others but was being kept buoyant somewhat by his backpack. Gladden and his group's guide aided the three others from the water, then, having removed some attire, they waded and swam to Graves, who was about 75 feet into the lake. Grasping Graves by the straps of his backpack, they swam toward shore, pulling him, as the coldness of the water sapped their strength. Reaching shore, they removed Graves from the water with difficulty, then worked to warm him and themselves. The guide put out a call for help, and within hours Graves and his party were evacuated from the scene by a parks service boat, which took them to a ranger station for treatment. Graves suffered effects of exposure to the cold water, but he fully recovered.

75514-8634

MARSHALL J. GOSSETT

WELLFORD, SOUTH CAROLINA

Marshall J. Gossett helped to save Lewis D. Cohen from being struck by a train, Lyman, South Carolina, December 22, 2000. Before daybreak, Cohen remained in the driver's seat of a car that had left the highway then went down an embankment and came to rest on a railroad track, on which a freight train was approaching at 40 m.p.h. Gossett, 35, warehouse manager, who was nearby, saw the accident. He ran to the car, joining another man who had responded and had opened the driver's door. Although neither Gossett nor the other man could see the approaching train, as it was beyond a curve in the track about 300 feet away, they heard its horn. Gossett and the

other man reached inside the car, grasped Cohen, and pulled him out, the train rounding the curve and coming into view. Gossett and the other man started to move away from the car with Cohen when the train, then in emergency braking, arrived and struck the car, knocking it from the track and destroying it. Gossett, Cohen, and the other man were knocked to the ground beside the track. Gossett sustained bruising that required hospital treatment, and he recovered.

75157-8582

MICHAEL W. GREEN

CHEPACHET, RHODE ISLAND

Michael W. Green saved Christopher J. Robidoux from burning, Providence, Rhode Island, December 14, 2000. At night, Christopher, 6 months old, remained in the front room on the first floor of a two-story duplex after fire broke out in an adjacent room and began to spread quickly. At his home in the neighborhood, Green, 35, carpet and flooring installer, heard yelling about the fire, then went outside and saw flames at the scene. He responded to the duplex, where he was told that Christopher and another infant were inside. Learning that Christopher was in the front room, Green broke the window of the door that opened to that room and climbed inside, where he landed between the door and a bed that had been placed against the door. Despite flames on the walls and ceiling of that room, blistering heat, and dense smoke, Green crawled in the direction of Christopher's faint cries. He found the infant and placed him under his jacket, then crawled back to the door and climbed through the window to safety. Christopher was hospitalized two days for treatment of smoke inhalation, and he recovered; the other infant died in the fire. Green sustained blisters on his forehead and palms from which he recovered.

74982-8561

LAWRENCE GRIFFIN III, DECEASED

LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

Lawrence Griffin III died attempting to rescue Johnny George from burning, Lafayette, Louisiana, March 3, 2002. George, 47, was in the master bedroom of a mobile home after fire broke out in the kitchen at night. Lawrence, 16, high school student, who also lived in the mobile home, was alerted to the fire and, with others, fled the structure through its front door. With all but



George accounted for, Lawrence re-entered the mobile home through the front door. Firefighters arrived shortly and removed George from the master bedroom, and they located Lawrence in a closet off that room. George was hospitalized for treatment of smoke inhalation and burns but died two days later of his injuries. Lawrence could not be revived. He had died of smoke inhalation. 76013-8641

MICHAEL L. GRIFFITHS

VAN DYNE, WISCONSIN

Michael L. Griffiths helped to save David M. Wirtz and four other men from drowning, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, September 21, 2000. Wirtz, 35, and four other men were ejected from a moving, 42-foot powerboat into the cold water of Lake Winnebago at a point about 1.5 miles from the closest shore. The boat continued, out of control at about 50 m.p.h., in circles around them. In a 35-foot powerboat about a half-mile away, Griffiths, 32, fuel systems engineering technician, and two other men witnessed the accident and immediately responded toward the scene. As the out-of-control boat continued its course, Griffiths and the two other men took their boat into the circle to approach the victims. While Griffiths maneuvered the boat to avoid its being struck by the runaway one, which passed as close as 15 feet, the two other men hauled each victim in. Once all five victims were aboard, Griffiths and the two other men returned their boat to shore, where the victims were given medical treatment for multiple bruises. They recovered. The runaway boat continued to circle until its course took it toward shore, where it was partially disabled by striking the lake bottom. Its speed slowed, the boat was stopped and returned to shore by officers of the sheriff's department.

74878-8596

JEFFREY CARL HARRIMAN

PALMER, ALASKA

Jeffrey Carl Harriman rescued Stephen A. Hansell from assault, Anchorage, Alaska, May 7, 2001. After a man armed with a knife entered the grounds of an elementary school and wounded three boys, he entered the building and proceeded through a hall. The school effected its lockdown procedure, with staff securing the students in the classrooms. Harriman, 50, a teacher at the

school, saw the assailant in the hall and followed him. The assailant forced his way into one of the classrooms, where Stephen, 8, and other students had sought refuge. He approached Stephen and put the knife to his throat. Entering the same classroom, Harriman rushed the assailant and pushed him off Stephen and to the floor, Stephen sustaining a severe knife wound to the side of his head. Still armed, the assailant regained his footing and confronted Harriman, who maintained a position between the assailant and Stephen. Using a plastic bin as a shield, Harriman kept the assailant at bay until police arrived minutes later. Harriman removed Stephen from the room as police commenced a standoff with the assailant, then apprehended him. Stephen required two days' hospitalization for treatment of his knife wound.

75325-8654

CARL M. HARRISON, JR.  
ROCHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA

Carl M. Harrison, Jr., saved Lillian Audi from burning, Ashley, Pennsylvania, October 24, 2001. Ms. Audi, 89, was a passenger in a minivan that, in an interstate highway accident involving a tractor-trailer, came to rest partially atop a concrete barrier and caught fire, at its front end. Other motorists, including Harrison, 44, state police officer, stopped at the scene and attempted to open the vehicle's doors, which were locked and damaged from the accident. After access to the vehicle was gained, its six other occupants left or were removed to safety, but Ms. Audi, severely injured, lay trapped on the floor behind the driver's seat. Wanting to avoid the flames in a rescue attempt, Harrison entered the vehicle through its elevated rear hatch, to which he was lifted by others. He made his way toward the front of the vehicle as others used fire extinguishers to prevent flames from spreading. In dense smoke inside the vehicle, Harrison attempted to free Ms. Audi, by then unconscious, but he was unsuccessful. He returned to the hatch and jumped from the vehicle, injuring his knees. Approaching the driver's door, he re-entered the minivan and from the driver's seat again attempted to free Ms. Audi, but again he had no success. He exited the vehicle and moved the driver's seat forward, allowing easier access to Ms. Audi. He pulled her out, then carried her away shortly before spreading flames engulfed the minivan. Ms. Audi was taken to the hospital, but she died of her injuries. Harrison was treated for smoke inhalation and his knee injury, and he recovered.

75683-8610

MICHAEL HEBERT

PORT NECHES, TEXAS

Michael Hebert helped to save Ryan J. Dispenza from drowning, Crystal Beach, Texas, March 19, 2001. On an inflatable raft in the Gulf of Mexico, Ryan, 12, was carried farther from the beach and could not return. His father attempted to rescue him, but the raft was drifting seaward faster than the father could swim. On vacation at a beach house nearby, Hebert, 37, police officer, saw the situation. He immediately donned an available wet suit, although it was ill fitting, and entered the water with a surfboard. Hebert paddled toward the raft, which continued to drift out, and after about 20 minutes reached it at a point about three-fourths of a mile from shore. Hebert climbed onto the raft to escape the chill of the 63-degree water and, nearly exhausted, rested for several minutes. He then attempted to paddle the raft back to the beach but made no progress against a 20-m.p.h. wind blowing from shore. The raft continued to drift out. It was located at least two miles from shore by a helicopter and a utility boat that were dispatched by the Coast Guard. Fifty minutes after Hebert had entered the water, he and Ryan were pulled aboard the boat and treated for hypothermia. They were taken to the Coast Guard station, from which they were transferred to the hospital for further treatment. They recovered.

75177-8584

HIPOLITO HERNANDEZ

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Hipolito Hernandez saved Roberto Juban from burning, Union City, New Jersey, May 5, 2001. Juban, 87, collapsed in the smoke-filled hall outside his apartment, in the basement of a four-story building, after fire erupted in an adjoining unit. He called for help. The building's superintendent, Hernandez, 51, construction contractor, heard Juban from the first floor. He descended the open stairway, in which smoke rendered visibility nil, and made his way through the basement hall toward the sound of Juban's cries. He found Juban, picked him up, and dragged him to the stairway, then up the stairs to the first floor. He continued to drag Juban, toward the front door, en route receiving aid from a firefighter in taking Juban outside. Juban required hospital treatment for smoke inhalation, and he recovered. The occupant of the burning apartment died in the fire.

75405-8622



EDWARD HEUSSLER

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Edward Heussler attempted to rescue Helen C. Newcombe from burning, Richmond, Virginia, January 22, 2002. Ms. Newcombe, 79, was seated in the living room of her house when an accidental fire broke out nearby in the room. Her daughter pulled her to the floor and attempted to remove her from the house, but rapidly deteriorating conditions forced her out. Approaching the scene in his delivery truck, Heussler, 42, express mail courier, was alerted to the fire. Heussler ran to the house, entered the front door, and saw Ms. Newcombe lying on the floor amidst flames. He approached her, grasped her, and was dragging her toward the door when a flashover occurred, engulfing the room with flames and shutting the front door. Heussler opened the door and, on fire, went to the ground outside to extinguish the flames. Firefighters arrived shortly and removed Ms. Newcombe from the house. She had died. Heussler required lengthy hospitalization for treatment, including skin grafting, of extensive burns about the upper body. 75817-8652

RUSSELL HILEMAN, DECEASED

CAMDEN, OHIO

Russell Hileman died helping attempt to save Josey L. and Tara M. Wood from drowning, Camden, Ohio, June 6, 2001. Josey, 10, and her sister Tara, 11, were at a gravel pit lake on a fishing outing with their father and others, including their father's friend, Hileman, 37, service technician. Playing at the mouth of a stream that emptied into the lake, Josey was carried into the deeper water of the lake, as was Tara. The girls struggled to remain afloat as the current pulled them farther from the bank. They shouted for help. Fishing nearby from the bank, Hileman immediately entered the water and swam to the girls. He grasped them and held one in each arm as the three struggled to stay at the surface of the water. Alerted on the opposite bank, the girls' father then entered the lake and began to swim to them, but he submerged en route. Hileman and the girls also submerged. Their bodies were found the next day, and that of the father was found two days later. All four drowned. 75377-8614

H. WAYNE HIX, JR., DECEASED  
GALVESTON, TEXAS

H. Wayne Hix, Jr., died after helping to save Giselle Barrios from drowning, Galveston, Texas, June 30, 2001. Giselle, 11, and her brother were wading in the Gulf of Mexico when they were caught by a current and pulled into deep water. Hix, 53, retirement community director, and a friend were fishing in wadable water nearby when they observed the children struggling. They waded toward the children, Hix's friend reaching Giselle first. The friend secured a hold of Giselle and began to take her toward shore, but he encountered difficulty and shouted for help. From a point in wadable water, Hix swam to them and took Giselle from his friend, who continued toward shore. After advancing with Giselle, Hix too encountered difficulty and yelled for help. His friend returned to them and once again took Giselle, and other men responded and took Giselle the remaining distance to shore. Hix lost consciousness. He was pulled by his friend and others to shore, where resuscitation was attempted. Taken to the hospital, he was pronounced dead of drowning. Giselle's brother also drowned. 75491-8616

JOHNATHAN HUNTER  
COTTONDALE, ALABAMA

Johnathan Hunter rescued Steven W. Rutland from burning, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, March 26, 2001. Rutland, 47, was trapped inside a room of a building that housed an engine repair shop after fire broke out in the shop and, fueled by gasoline, grew quickly. Adjacent to the shop and opening into it, the room had a door to the outside, but the door was secured by a deadbolt. Driving by, Hunter, 29, heavy equipment operator, saw smoke and flames issuing from the building and stopped at the scene, where he learned that Rutland was still inside. Requiring two attempts, Hunter broke down the door to the room, then entered; dense smoke extending to the floor almost precluded visibility, and heat was blistering. Hunter shouted for Rutland and could hear him coughing. He proceeded to Rutland, then, after being momentarily disoriented, walked him to the door and took him outside to safety. Rutland was hospitalized for treatment, including surgery, of smoke inhalation and burns to his lungs. Hunter was treated at the hospital for first- and second-degree burns to his hands and a bruised shoulder, and he recovered. 75204-8577

ARIC REN JEFFS  
SHERWOOD, OREGON

Aric Ren Jeffs saved Dylan B. Arledge from being struck by a train, Sherwood, Oregon, August 9, 2001. Dylan, 7, was on a 50-foot-high, single-track railroad trestle as a freight train approached at about 13 m.p.h. While running toward the end of the trestle to get out of the train's path, he fell to the track and cowered there. In the lead locomotive of the approaching train, Jeffs, 25, railroad conductor, saw Dylan fall. As the engineer applied the train's brakes, Jeffs went to the front of the locomotive and positioned himself on the steps that extended down to the level of the track. Holding to a railing with his right hand, Jeffs swung the left side of his body in front of the train and grasped Dylan by the arm when the train reached him. Jeffs pulled Dylan up from the track and held him as the train went to a stop at a point about 150 feet beyond. Dylan sustained only minor scrapes. 75592-8617

JOHN P. KASPER III  
HUMAROCK, MASSACHUSETTS

John P. Kasper III helped to save James Burke from drowning, Scituate, Massachusetts, April 30, 2001. At night, Burke, 21, and his brother struggled to stay afloat in Massachusetts Bay of the Atlantic Ocean after the boat they had been using capsized in the 44-degree water at a point about a quarter-mile from shore. They began to scream for help. On shore in the vicinity, Kasper, 43, carpenter, and a friend heard them. Concluding that the victims required immediate aid, Kasper and his friend obtained a six-foot kayak from a house nearby and responded to the beach with it. Although unable to see the men in the darkness, Kasper entered the kayak and paddled toward them, guided at first by their screaming, which then stopped. When Kasper reached them, he and Burke grasped and held to each other, Burke's brother submerging. As they awaited help, Kasper worked to keep Burke conscious. A fire department rescue boat arrived several minutes later, took Burke aboard, and returned him to shore, Kasper following in the kayak. Burke required hospitalization; his brother was not found. Kasper was cold following the rescue but uninjured. 75291-8615

## ROBERT B. KEANE

ROME, NEW YORK

Robert B. Keane helped to save Jacki R. Metz and four others from drowning, Rome, New York, June 28, 2001. Ms. Metz, 28, and four others, including two children, were aboard a 17-foot boat on Lake Delta when the boat's motor failed. Despite the party's efforts to restart the motor and to paddle to safety, the boat was drawn by the current toward the spillway of a dam. Water flowed over the spillway, which had a 60-foot drop to the river below. In his 18-foot boat about a quarter-mile away, Keane, 27, and a friend saw the distressed boat and immediately responded to the scene. As they approached, Ms. Metz and the others of her party entered the lake, and, from a point near the dam, Keane and his friend pulled the children from the water into Keane's boat. Keane took his boat to two of the adults who were at the distressed vessel, which by then was lodged against the spillway. As Keane and his friend secured one of the adults, his boat struck the distressed one, but did not dislodge it, and itself became immobilized, temporarily, against the spillway. Freeing his boat, Keane positioned it for the rescue of the other adult, and again it became immobilized against the spillway. Another boat responded about then, and the third adult from Ms. Metz's party, who had remained in the water, swam a line from Keane's boat to it. That boat towed Keane's from the spillway to open water, after which Keane and his friend took it, all victims aboard, to safety.

75449-8601

## DANNY J. KEHLER

ALTONA, MANITOBA

Danny J. Kehler saved James D. Gibson from drowning, Kenora, Ontario, December 27, 2000. Gibson, 58, and his son-in-law, Kehler, 32, minister, were riding snowmobiles with two other men on ice-covered Black Sturgeon River. Thin ice gave way beneath Gibson, dropping him and his snowmobile into the frigid water at a point about 100 feet from the bank. Gibson had been separated from the others, who were unaware of the accident. With air temperature well below zero, Gibson struggled to climb from the open water, then to stay afloat, and he yelled for help. After several minutes, Kehler and one of the other men arrived at the scene and found Gibson, whose strength was sapped by then. Despite Gibson's warning not to approach him on the thin ice, Kehler started to crawl out, taking with him two lengths of

snowmobile starter cord tied together to make a line. When the ice cracked and sagged beneath him, Kehler retreated, then he resumed his approach over what appeared to be more solid ice. He went to within about five feet of Gibson, then, although the ice beneath him was cracking, threw the free end of the line toward Gibson, requiring repeated attempts before Gibson was able to seize it. Kehler pulled Gibson from the water and onto the ice, then crawled away from the hole, pulling him. He and the other men took Gibson to a residence about a mile away, where Gibson warmed. Both Gibson and Kehler recovered from their exposure to the cold. 76192-8662

### EZRA KIDDER

OTIS, MAINE

Ezra Kidder saved Dakota L. Alley from burning, Otis, Maine, July 13, 2001. Dakota, 5 months old, was in a crib in a bedroom of his family's mobile home after fire broke out in the kitchen and filled the structure with smoke. In the opposite end of the mobile home, Dakota's mother discovered the fire and fled through a nearby door with two other children. Unable to reach Dakota through the dense smoke, she alerted a neighbor, Kidder, 25, tile installer. Barefoot, Kidder immediately responded to the burning mobile home and entered it through the same door, but he was quickly repulsed by the smoke and retreated to the outside. He entered again and, proceeding through a hall toward the fire, followed the sound of Dakota's crying to get to his bedroom. In the increasing heat and smoke that severely restricted visibility, Kidder found Dakota's crib. He grasped Dakota, held him low, then ran back through the hall to the door and exited the mobile home to safety. He handed Dakota to a neighbor, then fell to the ground to catch his breath, but he injured his knee in doing so. Dakota was examined by paramedics but was not injured. The trailer was destroyed by the fire. 75494-8623

### DAVID J. KLAVOON, DECEASED

MURRELLS INLET, SOUTH CAROLINA

David J. Klavoon died helping attempt to save Shirley R. Mann from suffocation, Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, May 28, 2001. Ms. Mann, 72, was confined to a bed in a bedroom of her one-story house when fire broke out in the sunroom at the back of the house. A neighbor, Klavoon, 67, retired



oil refinery operator, was alerted to the fire and responded to the scene with another male neighbor. They entered the house through the front door and, with Ms. Mann's nurse, proceeded through a hall to Ms. Mann's bedroom. With fire conditions worsening, Ms. Mann was removed from her bed and dragged into the hall. A flashover occurred, causing conditions to be intolerable and sending the nurse and the other neighbor to safety through a bedroom window. Firefighters arrived shortly and removed Ms. Mann from the hall. Klavoon was found in an adjoining bedroom. Both died of smoke inhalation.

75371-8600

THOMAS J. KOPKE  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Thomas J. Kopke helped to save Jacob I. MacLean from drowning, Grand Marais, Michigan, August 7, 2000. Swimming in Lake Superior, Jacob, 9, and his father encountered a strong current and high waves that prevented them from returning to shore. From a bluff overlooking the lake, Kopke, 44, salesman, saw them and alerted another man who was nearby. Kopke and the other man responded to the beach with a canoe, but their attempts to launch the craft against the breakers were not successful. Having donned life jackets, the other man taking an additional one with him, they then dived into the lake, despite its 54-degree temperature, and swam to Jacob, who was by then at least 300 feet out. Kopke reached Jacob first and supported him until the other man arrived and put the life jacket on him. They then attempted to return to shore but became separated by the rough water. Meanwhile, another man, and his teenage son, entered the water with the canoe for use as a flotation device as they swam to Jacob. Holding onto the canoe, those two rescuers and Jacob swam toward shore, fighting the current and overtaking waves. They discarded the canoe near shore, and the teenage son swam Jacob to wadable water, where they were assisted from the lake, as was the teenager's father. Kopke and the other man swam with difficulty toward shore and likewise were aided from the water, by others using rope. Jacob, Kopke, and the other rescuers were cold and tired but otherwise uninjured. Jacob's father drowned.

74822-8564



PAUL A. LANDRY

IQALUIT, NUNAVUT

Paul A. Landry helped to save Michael E. Graves from drowning, Pangnirtung, Nunavut, July 31, 2001. Hiking a trail in a national park reserve above the Arctic Circle, Graves, 54, attempted to wade across a channel of the Turner River, a glacial stream that carried meltwater from Turner Glacier into Glacier Lake. He lost his footing and was swept by the swift, turbulent water into the ice-cold lake. During rescue attempts, three other members of his group also lost their footing in the channel and were carried into the lake. Another hiking group, led by Landry, 45, tour guide, was within sight of the scene and witnessed the accident. Accompanied by two men from his group, Landry responded to the mouth of the river. Having quickly lost feeling, Graves was farther from shore than the three others but was being kept buoyant somewhat by his backpack. Landry and one of the men from his group aided the three others from the water, then, having removed some attire, they waded and swam to Graves, who was about 75 feet into the lake. Grasping Graves by the straps of his backpack, they swam toward shore, pulling him, as the coldness of the water sapped their strength. Reaching shore, they removed Graves from the water with difficulty, then worked to warm him and themselves. Landry put out a call for help, and within hours Graves and his party were evacuated from the scene by a parks service boat, which took them to a ranger station for treatment. Graves suffered effects of exposure to the cold water, but he fully recovered.

75513-8633

JEROME LEE

HAMILTON, ILLINOIS

Jerome Lee saved Elizabeth A. Harris from drowning, Hamilton, Illinois, July 1, 2001. Ms. Harris, 35, struggled to stay afloat in the Mississippi River after entering the water for her daughter, who had fallen into the river from a boat launch. Both were carried away by the swift current, the daughter to a point from which she was rescued by others and Ms. Harris to a point about 150 feet from the bank. Alerted to the situation, Lee, 25, electrician, responded to the scene. He immediately entered the river and swam out to Ms. Harris, then grasped her and started to swim, against the current, back to the bank. The current carried them farther downstream, and rough water swamped

them. As Lee neared the bank, two men waded out to meet them and took Ms. Harris from the river, Lee then exiting on his own. Ms. Harris and her daughter required hospital treatment for effects of their ordeal. Lee was winded and had cramping in his legs. He was examined at the scene, and he recovered a few hours later. 75471-8585

CHRISTOPHER S. LEONARD, DECEASED  
BAYOU VISTA, LOUISIANA

Christopher S. Leonard saved Christopher J. and died attempting to save Justin L., Jarred M., and Casey L. Chaisson from burning, Montegut, Louisiana, September 30, 2001. Brothers Christopher, 18; Justin, 10; Jarred, 11, and Casey, 13, were in separate bedrooms of their family's one-story house after fire broke out in the living room late at night. A visiting family friend, Leonard, 26, pipe fitter, was spending the night in Casey's room, as was another of the brothers. Leonard awoke to the fire, then alerted the other brother and ran to the front door with him, that brother exiting to safety. Forbidding the brother to re-enter the house, Leonard turned and ran through the burning living room to Christopher's bedroom. He awakened Christopher, alerting him to the fire, then went to Justin's room, Christopher following. Leonard was last seen taking Justin into Jarred's room, which, across the hall, adjoined Casey's room and opened to it. His course blocked by falling debris, Christopher returned to his room and fled the house through a window. Leonard, Justin, Jarred, and Casey all died of effects of the fire; they were found close together in the adjoining bedrooms. Christopher was hospitalized four days for treatment of smoke inhalation, and he sustained minor burns to a leg. He fully recovered. 75674-8627

SUI SANG LO  
VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Sui Sang Lo helped to rescue Kathrine Foster from burning, Richmond, British Columbia, August 2, 2000. Ms. Foster, 26, was trapped in the back seat of a car that burst into flame during a violent, multi-vehicle highway accident. The car came to rest facing another of the involved vehicles, which also had burst into flame, its driver killed. Traveling on the same highway, Lo, 48, furniture company operator, arrived at the scene and stopped. He

approached the burning cars, finding Ms. Foster conscious in the wreckage and moving her arms. Despite flames on the front of that car that were spreading to its rear and entering it, Lo attempted to open a passenger-side door, but it was jammed. He and another man who had responded to the burning car then pulled Ms. Foster from the wreckage and carried her away not more than a minute before an explosion at the car engulfed it with flames. Two other occupants of the car died at the scene. Ms. Foster required lengthy hospitalization for treatment of extensive and severe burns and other injuries. Lo also required medical treatment, for a minor burn to his face and lacerations to his right arm. He recovered. 75305-8609

SALVADOR A. LÓPEZ

GLADE PARK, COLORADO

Salvador A. López rescued Nicholas B. Reyes from a runaway vehicle, Grand Junction, Colorado, March 5, 2001. Sitting in the driver's seat, Nicholas, 7, was the sole occupant of a car that, its engine running, was approaching the intersection of a busy, five-lane road. López, 49, a letter carrier on his rounds, was nearby, on the sidewalk, as the car approached him. After jumping out of its way, López ran to the car, which sideswiped another car and continued. Running alongside the car, he reached through the open window of the driver's door, grasped the steering wheel, and tried to reach the keys in the ignition. Failing also to open the driver's door, López entered the car headfirst through the window and pulled the car's emergency brake. The car traveled a few feet more before it impacted the rear of a van at the intersection and stopped. Nicholas had minor bruises from which he recovered. López sustained minor injury to his ribs that required medical attention and partially disabled him for about three weeks. He recovered. 75185-8578

BRODIE MACDONALD, DECEASED

CALGARY, ALBERTA

Brodie MacDonald died helping attempt to save Barbara D. Clement from drowning, Shelter Cove, California, March 25, 2000. Ms. Clement, 45, who was chaperoning a group of high school students hiking a remote trail along a beach of the Pacific Ocean, was struck by a wave, knocked from her feet, and carried toward the surf by the very swift backwash. Brodie, 17, and another

of the male students immediately dropped their backpacks and ran to Ms. Clement, who was struggling to regain her footing. Brodie and the other student were last seen on either side of Ms. Clement when a large wave broke over them and took them into the surf. A third male student and another of the chaperones ran toward them, but they too were overtaken by the backwash and were swept into the ocean and carried seaward by a strong current. Fishing boats responded to the scene and removed Ms. Clement, the other chaperone, and the third student from the 48-degree water, one of the fishermen single-handedly having to penetrate deeply the area of 12-foot breakers for the other chaperone, who was nearer shore. Ms. Clement drowned, but the other chaperone and the third student recovered after hospital treatment. The bodies of Brodie and the student who had responded with him were recovered from the surf three and four days later, respectively. They too had drowned.

74354-8591

### KENNETH W. MARRERO

HERSHEY, PENNSYLVANIA

Kenneth W. Marrero saved Michael F. Tomlin from burning, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, July 30, 2001. Tomlin, 19, was seated inside a pickup truck parked on the shoulder of a highway when another vehicle left the highway and struck it from behind. The impact forced Tomlin's pickup into a drill rig parked in front of it, and fire broke out at both the front and rear ends of Tomlin's pickup. Tomlin, who struck his head during the impact, remained in the driver's seat, dazed. His coworker, Marrero, 41, senior drill operator, who had been driving the drill rig, went to Tomlin's pickup and looked inside, but because of dense smoke in the cab, he could not see Tomlin. Marrero opened the pickup's passenger door and climbed inside. He grasped Tomlin and pulled him across the seat as he backed out of the truck. Finding that Tomlin was caught in the wreckage, Marrero re-entered the cab and freed him, then pulled him out of the cab. The pickup was engulfed by flame soon afterward. Tomlin was hospitalized for treatment of injuries received during the impact, and he recovered.

75535-8637

BRIAN F. McDONALD  
INUUVIK, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Brian F. McDonald helped to save Melissa L.R. Rogers from drowning, Inuvik, Northwest Territories, August 6, 2000. After Melissa, 10, entered the deep water of Campbell Creek while wading at a boat launch, a man in her party entered the water for her. They struggled to stay afloat and were carried farther from the launch by the creek's strong current. Hearing screams from the scene, McDonald, 33, clerk, who had been fishing nearby, responded. He immediately entered the 50-degree water, waded and swam to Melissa and the other man, who were then about 30 feet from the bank, and took Melissa from the man. With Melissa holding onto him, McDonald, fighting the current, swam back to the launch, arriving there nearly exhausted. The other man submerged, and his body was recovered the next day. 75860-8650

JOSEPH A. MCGUIRE  
SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK

Joseph A. McGuire saved Matthew T. Golden and helped to save Diana A. Johnston from burning, Westerlo, New York, May 4, 2001. Golden, 18, and Diana, 17, were unconscious inside a burning car that had crashed through a wall of a garage following a roadway accident and come to rest inside the garage. McGuire, 44, carpenter, responded to the scene from a nearby house. After breaking part of a garage door to enter the building, he went to the driver's side of the car. With flames issuing from the car at its front tires, he opened the driver's door, grasped Golden under the arms, and dragged him from the car, then from the garage. McGuire returned inside the garage to check for any passengers. Concluding that access to the passenger side of the car was impeded at both its front and rear ends, he climbed over the car's trunk and went to the front door on the passenger side. Opening the door to find Diana inside the smoke-filled vehicle, he picked her up and carried her to the rear of the car, where he handed her over to a man who took her from the garage to safety. McGuire then left the garage, which caught fire within minutes and was destroyed, as were the car and two other vehicles. Golden and Diana were hospitalized for treatment of multiple injuries, Diana's including a burn to an elbow. They recovered. 75309-8621



JEAN MELO  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Jean Melo helped to rescue Nelson Andino from burning, Providence, Rhode Island, December 8, 2000. At night, Nelson, 7, and his brother remained in the kitchen of their family's first-floor apartment after fire broke out in the living room and spread quickly. Melo, 19, and a friend were driving through the neighborhood and discovered the fire. They stopped at the scene and ran to the rear of the three-story building, where they learned that the boys were inside. The friend entered the burning apartment through its back door, found the boys, and dragged them toward the door before having to retreat because of dripping material from the ceiling. Despite blistering heat, thick smoke that impeded visibility, and advancing flames, Melo then entered the apartment through the back door, grasped Nelson, and removed him from the building. Nelson's brother was likewise removed by Melo's friend, who had re-entered the apartment. Both boys were hospitalized for treatment of smoke inhalation and extensive burns, and Melo required hospital treatment for smoke inhalation. He recovered. Five members of a family living in the building's third-floor apartment died in the fire. 74938-8569

CAMEN ROSS MILANO  
CLARKSTON, MICHIGAN

Camen Ross Milano helped to rescue Emery G. Welch from burning, Clarkston, Michigan, September 27, 2000. Welch, 76, lay at one end of the hall of his one-story house after fire erupted in the living room, which was just off that end of the hall. Driving by, Milano, 34, off-duty police officer, saw smoke and flames issuing from the house, then stopped at the scene and learned that Welch was still inside. Milano entered the house through a door in the far end of the hall and, despite increasing heat and smoke inside the house, proceeded through the hall to Welch. He dragged Welch through the hall back toward the door but was repulsed by the dense smoke and intense heat and had to return outside for fresh air. Two construction workers arrived at the scene and entered the house in a rescue attempt, but they too were repulsed by conditions. Milano re-entered the house along with one of the construction workers. They crawled through the hall to Welch, then each grasped Welch by an ankle and, dragging him, returned to the door. From



there, the other construction worker helped to carry Welch to safety. Welch was hospitalized for treatment of smoke inhalation and internal burns. Milano received hospital treatment for smoke inhalation, from which he recovered.

74816-8570

VICTOR T. MILLS, DECEASED  
ENUMCLAW, WASHINGTON

Victor T. Mills died attempting to save Jason D. Moore from suffocation, Newcastle, Washington, August 29, 2001. Moore, 28, climbed into an underground vault at the construction site where he was working. He lost consciousness in the vault's oxygen-deficient atmosphere and fell to a safety platform about eight feet into the 20-foot-deep vault. His friend and coworker, Mills, 34, heavy equipment operator, who was nearby, was alerted. Mills immediately entered the vault, descended to Moore, and tried to rouse him. Mills then began to climb back to the entrance of the vault, but he too fell. He dropped through an opened hatch in the safety platform and fell to the bottom of the vault. After some minutes, Moore revived and climbed toward the entrance of the vault, then was pulled from it by others. He required hospitalization. Firefighters removed Mills from the vault. He had died of injuries received during his fall.

75618-8658

CHERYL-ANN MORIARTY  
HUDSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Cheryl-Ann Moriarty helped to rescue Rebecca Q. McKenzie from assault, Nashua, New Hampshire, March 24, 2002. During an argument with a man in her second-floor apartment, Ms. McKenzie, 26, called a friend, Ms. Moriarty, 28, machine operator, and asked her to come to the apartment to pick her up. While Ms. Moriarty drove to the scene, the man began to stab Ms. McKenzie with a large kitchen knife. Upon her arrival, Ms. Moriarty broke through two doors to gain access to the apartment, where she found Ms. McKenzie on the living room floor, the assailant leaning over her. Ms. Moriarty grasped the assailant by the shoulder, and, while she was pulling him away, he turned and stabbed her in the left arm. Ms. Moriarty fled to the kitchen, the assailant following, threatening to kill her. During a struggle, the assailant stabbed Ms. Moriarty twice more in the arm and once in the back

before she was able to throw the knife aside. Ms. Moriarty then fled the apartment and notified police. Responding officers apprehended the assailant inside the apartment after a brief struggle. Ms. McKenzie and Ms. Moriarty were taken to the hospital for treatment of their wounds, Ms. McKenzie requiring a two-week stay. Ms. Moriarty was detained overnight for treatment of her four stab wounds and other cuts, all of which required suturing.

75973-8642

### MARK ALLEN NARANTIC

HAMMOND, INDIANA

Mark Allen Narantic saved a man from drowning, Hammond, Indiana, July 15, 2000. A 42-year-old man entered Wolf Lake to retrieve a ball but got into trouble in deep water as he pursued the ball. He called for help. Working nearby, Narantic, 41, park foreman, saw the man in trouble in the water. Without removing any clothing or his work boots, Narantic entered the lake and swam to the man. When he reached the man, the man grasped Narantic and attempted to climb atop him. Narantic freed himself from the man, who then submerged. Narantic went under the water, returned the man to the surface, and, with difficulty, swam him toward the bank. Others entered the lake and formed a chain to assist Narantic and the man onto the bank. Narantic, very tired and having chest pains, and the man were given oxygen at the scene, then were taken to the hospital. Narantic was detained overnight for testing, and he recovered.

75014-8605

### DAVID H. NEIGHBORS

OLNEY, ILLINOIS

David H. Neighbors saved Makayla I. Klingler from burning, Olney, Illinois, January 22, 2001. Makayla, 2, was in a bed in the master bedroom of a mobile home after fire broke out in the living room. Flames spread quickly and filled the mobile home with dense smoke, preventing a woman who had fled the structure to return for Makayla. Driving nearby, Neighbors, 32, maintenance man, saw the burning mobile home and stopped at the scene, where the woman told him that Makayla was in the bedroom. Neighbors climbed through a window in the bedroom, dropped to his hands and knees, and in the dense smoke crawled along the perimeter of the room until he

found Makayla, who was gasping for breath. Neighbors picked Makayla up, then stood and took her to the window, where he handed her out to the woman. Neighbors then exited the mobile home himself by climbing through the window. Makayla, who had stopped breathing, was revived at the scene, then was taken to the hospital, where she was detained two weeks for treatment of severe smoke inhalation. She recovered. Neighbors also received hospital treatment, for mild smoke inhalation and a laceration to his right hand that required sutures, and he too recovered. 75068-8563

JORDAN DANIEL NIXON  
CALGARY, ALBERTA

Jordan Daniel Nixon helped attempt to save Barbara D. Clement, David Matthew Elton, and Brodie MacDonald from drowning, Shelter Cove, California, March 25, 2000. Ms. Clement, 45, who was chaperoning a group of high school students hiking a remote trail along a beach of the Pacific Ocean, was struck by a wave, knocked from her feet, and carried toward the surf by the very swift backwash. Two of the students, David and Brodie, both 17, immediately dropped their backpacks and ran to Ms. Clement, who was struggling to regain her footing. Those students were last seen on either side of Ms. Clement when a large wave broke over them and took them into the surf. Another of the students, Jordan, 17, and another of the chaperones ran toward them, but they too were overtaken by the backwash and were swept into the ocean and carried seaward by a strong current. Fishing boats responded to the scene and removed Jordan, Ms. Clement, and the other chaperone from the 48-degree water, one of the fishermen single-handedly having to penetrate deeply the area of 12-foot breakers for the other chaperone, who was nearer shore. Jordan was taken to the hospital, where he was detained overnight for treatment of having nearly drowned and hypothermia. He recovered. Ms. Clement and the first two students drowned, but the other chaperone recovered, also after hospital treatment.

74917-8592

LAZARO ORTEGA  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Lazaro Ortega helped to save Jenna M. Sarr from drowning, Laguna Beach, California, July 14, 2001. While on a Pacific Ocean beach, Jenna, 7, was knocked down by a wave and pulled into the surf. Ortega, 22, off-duty deputy sheriff, was visiting the beach and saw her struggling in the rough water. He waded and swam to her, then struggled briefly with her, during which they submerged. Surfacing, Ortega swam toward shore, pushing Jenna, but progress was difficult in the turbulent water. Another man entered the surf, swam to them, and took Jenna to the beach, then returned with a buoy and towed Ortega to wadable water. Jenna and Ortega required hospital treatment after the rescue. The following day, Ortega was hospitalized for continuing effects of having nearly drowned, and he was detained for three days. He required about six weeks of recovery. 75500-8653

CURTIS R. PATTERSON  
CHINA SPRING, TEXAS

Curtis R. Patterson rescued Margaret M. Ratliff from burning, Waco, Texas, July 12, 2001. Ms. Ratliff, 31, remained in the driver's seat of her automobile after an accident in which the car left the roadway and struck a wooden utility pole. The pole broke in two, its top taking down power lines and falling to the ground at the front of the car. Fire broke out in the surrounding field at the scene, with flames approaching the car. Patterson, 37, customer service technician, drove upon the scene and responded to the car. Seeing that Ms. Ratliff was unable to free herself, he returned to his vehicle and retrieved protective gloves. He went to the passenger side of Ms. Ratliff's car, and, despite not knowing if the car was electrically charged, made contact with it to open the front door. With flames spreading to underneath the vehicle, Patterson entered the car and cut Ms. Ratliff's safety belt. He then pulled her over the car's console and passenger seat, then removed her from the car and walked her away. Flames shortly entered the vehicle to consume it. Ms. Ratliff required hospital treatment for a third-degree burn to her left arm and other injuries. She recovered. 75516-8647

HARMON PERRYMAN III  
MESQUITE, TEXAS

Harmon Perryman III helped to rescue Trudy L. Walunas from burning, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, June 9, 2001. Ms. Walunas, 42, was pinned inside a burning van after an interstate highway accident in which the van and a tractor-trailer that was transporting several cars collided. Fuel tanks on both the van and the tractor-trailer were ruptured, and flames broke out at the vehicles, which remained in contact. Perryman, 36, truck driver, who was the passenger in the tractor-trailer, exited the vehicle and, shoeless, approached the passenger side of the van. Seeing Ms. Walunas inside the van, the interior of which was burning, Perryman returned to his vehicle for a fire extinguisher. Another man approached the van, opened the passenger door, and attempted to remove Ms. Walunas, but, unsuccessful, he withdrew amid deteriorating conditions. Perryman responded with the fire extinguisher and used it against the flames but to no effect. He and the other man then extended their upper bodies into the van, despite the intense heat and close flames. They grasped Ms. Walunas and pulled her from the vehicle just moments before it was engulfed by flames. Ms. Walunas was taken to the hospital, where she was detained for treatment of third-degree burns and other injuries. Perryman was also treated at the hospital, for lacerations to his left hand and a chest wall contusion. He recovered. 75389-8573

HORACIO G. PINO  
CORDOVA, TENNESSEE

Horacio G. Pino saved Kayla McDaniel from burning, Memphis, Tennessee, April 19, 2001. At night, Kayla, 9, lay unconscious in a bedroom in one end of her family's mobile home after fire broke out in the laundry room at the opposite end. Pino, 34, deputy sheriff, responded to the scene. He and two other officers entered the mobile home for Kayla but were forced out by intense heat and dense smoke. Pino re-entered the structure and searched a bedroom and bathroom before finding Kayla in the other bedroom. Nearly overcome by the smoke, Pino grasped Kayla and dragged her out of the bedroom, then through a hall to the front door, where he collapsed. The



other officers removed Pino and Kayla from the doorway and took them to safety. Kayla was hospitalized three days for treatment of smoke inhalation. Pino also was treated at the hospital for smoke inhalation, and he recovered.

75253-8589

TIMOTHY LEE ROWE

SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA

Timothy Lee Rowe saved Marguerite H. Campbell from burning, Salisbury, North Carolina, October 13, 2000. Ms. Campbell, 53, who could not walk unaided, lay on the floor in the living room of her one-story house after fire broke out in a bedroom and filled the house with dense smoke. Working at a house across the street, Rowe, 35, live-in specialist, saw smoke and flames issuing from Ms. Campbell's house. He reported the fire, then responded to the scene, where he learned Ms. Campbell was still inside. Entering the house through the front door, he heard Ms. Campbell's cries, but he was quickly repulsed by the smoke and retreated to the front porch for fresh air. Rowe then re-entered the living room, crawling, and went in the direction of Ms. Campbell's voice and found her. He dragged her to the door and onto the porch, where arriving firefighters assisted them. Ms. Campbell was treated at the hospital for smoke inhalation, and Rowe also received hospital treatment for effects of having inhaled smoke. They recovered.

75123-8572

NANCI J. RUTLEDGE

NEWMAN, GEORGIA

Nanci J. Rutledge helped to save a boy from drowning, Pensacola Beach, Florida, April 3, 2001. A 10-year-old boy was swimming with a boogie board in the Gulf of Mexico when he became caught by a strong current that took him farther from shore and kept him from returning. From the beach, Ms. Rutledge, 37, program specialist, and the boy's mother waded and swam to him. They grasped hold of the board and were struggling to swim free of the current when they were reached by a man who also had swum out from the beach to aid the boy. After the group was submerged in the breaking waves, Ms. Rutledge helped the boy and his mother regain their hold of the board, and she continued struggling to free them from the current. To help them reach safety, Ms. Rutledge pushed the boy and his mother toward shore, then,



tiring, floated on her back until she was able to stand. She left the water aided by others, as did the boy and his mother. They were nearly exhausted but did not require medical treatment, and they recovered. The man who had swum out to help was removed from the water by arriving rescue personnel, but he could not be revived. 75525-8559

DONALD JAMES SACK  
SHELTER COVE, CALIFORNIA

Donald James Sack saved Martin Poirier from drowning, Shelter Cove, California, March 25, 2000. Poirier, 37, was swept into the Pacific Ocean by the strong backwash of a breaking wave as he attempted to save members of his hiking group who also were swept into the ocean. In his 18-foot boat on the ocean about six miles away, Sack, 46, fisherman, learned of the situation by radio and responded to the scene. Finding one of the victims beyond the breakers, Sack secured her and took her to another boat that had responded. Returning to the scene to look for other victims, Sack saw Poirier at a point closer to shore, or well into the 12-foot breakers. Sack took his boat into the breakers and maneuvered it to a point near Poirier. After shouting to get Poirier's attention, Sack threw him a line as he turned his boat to face the breakers. Poirier grasped the rope and held it as Sack towed him from the breakers. Sack then positioned Poirier against the boat and secured him by an arm as he single-handedly took the boat to calmer waters. Another fisherman boarded the boat and helped Sack pull Poirier from the 48-degree water. Sack took Poirier to shore, from where Poirier was taken to the hospital. He was detained overnight for treatment of having nearly drowned and hypothermia, and he recovered. Sack twisted his right knee, but he too recovered. Three members of Poirier's hiking group drowned. 75085-8593

EDWARD S. SANDSTROM  
ELMA, WASHINGTON

Edward S. Sandstrom helped to rescue Anthony J. Wade from burning, Goldendale, Washington, August 15, 2000. Anthony, 14, remained in the cab of a pickup truck after it was involved in a violent collision on a two-lane highway with a tractor-trailer. Seriously damaged and aflame, the pickup was thrown to the side of the highway. Stunned but uninjured, the driver of the

tractor-trailer responded to the passenger side of the pickup and pulled another 14-year-old boy from the burning wreckage. Two other truck drivers, including Sandstrom, 38, witnessed the accident, and they too responded to the passenger side of the burning pickup. Despite intense heat, they pulled Anthony by his arms out of the wreckage and dragged him away from it. The boys were hospitalized for treatment of extensive and severe injuries, including third-degree burns and broken bones. The driver of the pickup was ejected from the vehicle during the accident and died at the scene.

75589-8639

**BOJAN SAVRIC**

DELTA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Bojan Savric helped to rescue Kathrine Foster from burning, Richmond, British Columbia, August 2, 2000. Ms. Foster, 26, was trapped in the back seat of a car that burst into flame during a violent, multi-vehicle highway accident. The car came to rest facing another of the involved vehicles, which also had burst into flame, its driver killed. Savric, 32, marketing company manager, was traveling on the same highway when he witnessed the accident. He stopped at the scene and approached the burning cars, finding Ms. Foster conscious in the wreckage and moving her arms. Despite flames on the front of that car that were spreading to its rear and entering it, Savric reached through a broken-out window on the passenger side and grasped Ms. Foster. Another motorist who had stopped at the scene also responded to the wreckage, and he attempted to open a passenger-side door, but it was jammed. Savric pulled on Ms. Foster several times before freeing her. He and the other man then pulled Ms. Foster from the wreckage and carried her away not more than a minute before an explosion at the car engulfed it with flames. Two other occupants of the car died at the scene. Ms. Foster required lengthy hospitalization for treatment of extensive and severe burns and other injuries. Savric also required hospital treatment, for a second-degree burn to his right arm. He recovered.

74691-8608

ROGER ALAN SCALF

TEXAS CITY, TEXAS

Roger Alan Scalf saved Bernardo N. Gonzalez from drowning, Galveston, Texas, February 23, 2001. Bernardo, 17, entered the cold, rough waters of the Gulf of Mexico from a point on the beach near a rock jetty. He encountered difficulty against the current and lost consciousness. A friend of his flagged down Scalf, 38, firefighter, who was driving a fire truck past the scene. Scalf radioed for help, then responded to the jetty, from which he saw Bernardo floating face down about 150 feet from shore. Removing his boots, Scalf climbed down from the jetty into the water and swam about 90 feet to Bernardo. When Scalf reached him, Bernardo showed no sign of life. Holding Bernardo, Scalf swam toward shore and in wadable water stood and started to pull Bernardo in. Other men waded into the water, relieved Scalf of Bernardo, then took him to the beach, where he was revived. Bernardo required hospitalization, and Scalf was cold and tired, but he recovered.

75306-8603

ERICH SCHULZ, DECEASED

AYTON, ONTARIO

Erich Schulz died attempting to save Gary George Ferrier from suffocation, Drayton, Ontario, August 15, 2000. Ferrier, 32, entered the empty, 4,000-gallon tank of a liquid manure spreader at the farm where he was employed to rescue a worker who was overcome by manure gas. Within moments he too was overcome. Of the other farm workers then responding, Schulz, 32, entered the tank with a rope and was seen tying the rope around Ferrier when he too was overcome and collapsed. Arriving firefighters removed all three men from the tank, but none could be revived.

74744-8620

RICHARD JOHN SCHWINDT

ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO

Richard John Schwindt rescued Jason E. Walker from burning, St. Thomas, Ontario, November 20, 2000. Jason, 4, remained in the living room of his family's one-story house after fire broke out in a bedroom and filled the house with dense smoke. Schwindt, 33, factory worker, was approaching the house

for a visit when he saw that it was on fire. Learning that children remained inside the house, Schwindt broke out a window in the enclosed front porch and climbed through it. Despite the intense heat inside and visibility limited by the smoke, Schwindt moved about the house, crouching, in search of the children until he encountered Jason in the living room. He picked Jason up and returned to the front porch, where he delivered Jason to safety through the window. Schwindt also exited the house. Jason was hospitalized for treatment of severe injuries sustained in the fire, and he recovered. Schwindt sustained smoke inhalation and a minor burn to an arm, from which he recovered.

74933-8586

KARA ELIZABETH SCOTT, DECEASED  
MITCHELLVILLE, MARYLAND

Kara Elizabeth Scott died helping attempt to save Krystyne A. Scott from suffocation, Mitchellville, Maryland, June 1, 2000. Krystyne, 9, was inside her bedroom on the second floor of her family's two-story house after fire broke out in an adjacent bedroom and filled the floor with dense smoke. From the first floor, her sister, Kara, 13, student, and the girls' father saw smoke coming down the stairway. Unaware of Krystyne's location, Kara and her father climbed to the second floor, where dense smoke precluded visibility. Kara entered Krystyne's bedroom, then called out to their father, who joined them there. Kara and the girls' father attempted to remove Krystyne from the bedroom, but Kara was overcome by smoke and collapsed, and the father collapsed at the head of the stairs. Two men from the neighborhood entered the house and removed the father but were unable to reach Kara or Krystyne. They were removed from the house by firefighters and were taken to the hospital, where Kara was pronounced dead of smoke inhalation. Krystyne died the next day.

74511-8574

DAVID SHAW  
CAMBRIDGE, ONTARIO

David Shaw helped to save Raymond C. Haag, Jr., from burning, Cambridge, Ontario, August 27, 2000. At night, Raymond, 5, remained in his bedroom, on the upper floor of his family's house, after fire erupted on the first floor, in the enclosed back porch. Flames spread into the kitchen.

Police officers, including Shaw, 45, responded to the scene. After learning that Raymond was still inside the house, Shaw and another officer entered the living room and ascended the stairs partway as smoke grew denser. Telling the other officer to remain on the stairway, Shaw crawled the remaining distance to the upper floor, where a floor-level break in the smoke permitted him to see Raymond, about 10 feet away, in the bedroom. Shaw crawled into that room, pulled Raymond off the bed, then stood and walked toward where he thought the stairway to be. Unable to see in the smoke, Shaw walked into a wall at least twice before locating the stairway. Carrying Raymond, he descended the stairway to the other officer, who then grasped him by the belt and pulled him down the stairs. They left the house safely with Raymond. Shaw and Raymond were treated at the hospital for smoke inhalation, and they recovered.

74759-8562

## THEODORE SHEETS

WINAMAC, INDIANA

Theodore Sheets rescued Brent D. Reutebuch from burning, Winamac, Indiana, September 8, 2001. Badly injured, Reutebuch, 30, remained in his sport utility vehicle after a highway accident at night in which the vehicle overturned onto its passenger side and caught fire. From his nearby residence, Sheets, 49, carpenter and factory worker, heard the accident and responded to the scene with a fire extinguisher. He used the extinguisher against flames at the front of the vehicle, but it had little effect. Sheets then climbed atop the driver's side of the vehicle and through a broken-out window saw Reutebuch lying on the front passenger door. Flames were inside the vehicle, on the dashboard and steering wheel, and melting material was dripping onto Reutebuch. Sheets entered the vehicle through a side window and grasped Reutebuch underneath the arms. Dragging Reutebuch, he backed out of the vehicle through the broken rear window, then moved Reutebuch a short distance away. An arriving sheriff's deputy assisted in taking Reutebuch farther from the vehicle, which was soon engulfed by flames. Reutebuch required hospitalization for treatment of extensive injuries and burns. Sheets was treated at the hospital for second-degree burns to his hands and right forearm; he recovered.

75636- 8628



JAMES ALLEN SHIPP  
WELLFORD, SOUTH CAROLINA

James Allen Shipp helped to rescue William S. Hooper from burning, Greer, South Carolina, November 3, 2001. Hooper, 45, was unconscious in the seat of a burning pickup truck after a head-on collision with another vehicle before sunrise. Driving nearby, Shipp, 39, computer programmer, heard the accident and responded to the scene. After calling for help, he went to the passenger side of the truck and, with the man who had been Hooper's passenger, extended his upper body into the cab and worked to free Hooper. As Hooper's legs were stuck under the dashboard, which was aflame, Shipp and the other man struggled to free him. After considerable effort, they succeeded in extracting Hooper, then they carried him away from the truck as flames consumed the cab. Hooper was hospitalized for treatment of his injuries, which included second- and third-degree burns, and he died of his injuries the next day. Shipp suffered minor smoke inhalation but otherwise was not injured. 75709-8659

DANIEL R. SITZBERGER  
OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN

Daniel R. Sitzberger helped to save David M. Wirtz and four other men from drowning, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, September 21, 2000. Wirtz, 35, and four other men were ejected from a moving, 42-foot powerboat into the cold water of Lake Winnebago at a point about 1.5 miles from the closest shore. The boat continued, out of control at about 50 m.p.h., in circles around them. In his 35-foot powerboat about a half-mile away, Sitzberger, 33, glass company operator, and two other men witnessed the accident and immediately responded toward the scene. As the out-of-control boat continued its course, Sitzberger and the two other men took their boat into the circle to approach the victims. Sitzberger and one of the other men hauled each victim aboard while the third man maneuvered the boat to avoid its being struck by the runaway one, which passed as close as 15 feet. Once all five victims were aboard, Sitzberger and the two other men returned their boat to shore, where the victims were given medical treatment for multiple



bruises. They recovered. The runaway boat continued to circle until its course took it toward shore, where it was partially disabled by striking the lake bottom. Its speed slowed, the boat was stopped and returned to shore by officers of the sheriff's department.

74877-8597

### F. MITCHELL SMITH

STITTSTVILLE, ONTARIO

F. Mitchell Smith helped attempt to rescue Sally McIntyre from assault, Stittsville, Ontario, October 4, 2000. Pursued by a deranged man armed with two kitchen knives, Ms. McIntyre, 34, ran screaming from her house to the carport of a neighbor's house. From inside that house, Smith, 71, retired health care administrator, and his wife saw them approach, and they immediately went outside to the carport. The assailant then stabbing Ms. McIntyre, Smith approached him from behind and grabbed him around the neck, and Smith's wife attempted to secure the knives, after which she returned inside the house to call for help. Smith and the assailant went to the floor of the carport and struggled, during which Smith sustained knife slashes and puncture wounds to his upper back and chest. Nearly spent and breathless, Smith then returned inside. The assailant continued his attack on Ms. McIntyre, then walked from the scene to where he was dispatched nearby by an arriving police officer. Ms. McIntyre and Smith and his wife were taken to the hospital, where Ms. McIntyre was detained a week for treatment, including surgery, of her wounds. Smith and his wife were treated for their knife wounds but were not detained. Smith experienced stiffness in his shoulder, a result of the struggle, for which he underwent physical therapy. He recovered.

75445-8613

### ROBERT E. STAFF, DECEASED

AVALON, CALIFORNIA

Robert E. Staff died attempting to rescue Virginia M. Staff from burning, Avalon, California, October 21, 2001. Ms. Staff, 78, was spending the night in a first-floor room of her and her husband's two-story house when an electrical fire broke out in a wall of that room. Her husband, 83, retired physician, fled the house from its second floor, as did tenants living on that floor. Outside, Staff realized that his wife had not exited the house, and he

immediately re-entered it, through the front door. Firefighters arriving within minutes found the room of origin engulfed by flames. Staff and his wife were removed from that room after the fire was extinguished, but they could not be revived. Both had died of effects of the fire. 75679-8624

### JOSEPH M. STEPANEK

MANCHESTER, IOWA

Joseph M. Stepanek helped to save Tyler J., Megan N., and Lisa K. Ellison from burning, Marion, Iowa, October 27, 2001. Tyler, 12, and his sister Megan, 11, were passengers in the back seat of a sport utility vehicle driven by their mother, 32. After a highway accident, which was fatal for the occupants of the other vehicle involved, the sport utility vehicle came to rest upside down in a grassy ditch along the highway and caught fire in its engine area. Stepanek, 20, carpenter, and a friend were approaching on the same highway and witnessed the accident. They stopped at the scene and ran to the passenger side of the burning vehicle, which Stepanek entered through the broken-out window of the rear door. He released Tyler's safety belt, then removed him from the vehicle and took him to safety. Stepanek then re-entered the vehicle, joining his friend, who had entered through another broken-out side window. After they attempted to remove Megan's safety belt, the friend withdrew and obtained a small pocketknife from a bystander. He re-entered the burning vehicle with the knife, which Stepanek used to cut Megan's safety belt. The friend then removed her from the vehicle. With flames starting through the firewall at the front of the vehicle, Ms. Ellison freed herself and made her way into the back-seat area. Stepanek backed out of the vehicle and assisted her through the window to safety. Flames shortly engulfed the vehicle, which was destroyed in the accident. Tyler, Megan, and Ms. Ellison all required hospital treatment for broken bones and other injuries, but they were not burned. 75715-8611

### KIP D. TEAL

SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

Kip D. Teal helped to save Lewis D. Cohen from being struck by a train, Lyman, South Carolina, December 22, 2000. Before daybreak, Cohen remained in the driver's seat of a car that had left the highway then went

down an embankment and came to rest on a railroad track, on which a freight train was approaching at 40 m.p.h. Teal, 32, police officer, who was nearby, saw the accident. He ran to the car, opened the driver's door, and urged Cohen to exit. Another man who had witnessed the accident also responded to the car. Although neither Teal nor the other man could see the approaching train, as it was beyond a curve in the track about 300 feet away, they heard its horn. Teal and the other man reached inside the car, grasped Cohen, and pulled him out, the train rounding the curve and coming into view. Teal and the other man started to move away from the car with Cohen when the train, then in emergency braking, arrived and struck the car, knocking it from the track and destroying it. Teal, Cohen, and the other man were knocked to the ground beside the track. Teal sustained bruises on a leg, from which he recovered. 75156-8581

### HERBERT THOMPSON III

MARYSVILLE, WASHINGTON

Herbert Thompson III rescued Jamie R. Seltz from assault, Everett, Washington, November 1, 2000. Ms. Seltz, 48, was at work behind the counter of a convenience store when a man armed with a gun aimed the weapon at her and demanded money, then shot at her. Ms. Seltz went to the floor. A customer in the store, Thompson, 28, restaurant supervisor, witnessed the assault. Thinking that Ms. Seltz had been shot, he ran to the assailant and grasped him from behind. The assailant dropped the gun. Thompson forced the assailant out of the store and into the parking lot, where he took him to the pavement and held him for police. Ms. Seltz was not injured. Thompson sustained lacerations to a hand from which he recovered. 75499-8579

### GARABED M. TOROSIAN

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

Garabed M. Torosian helped to rescue Anthony J. Wade from burning, Goldendale, Washington, August 15, 2000. Anthony, 14, remained in the cab of a pickup truck after it was involved in a violent collision on a two-lane highway with a tractor-trailer. Seriously damaged and aflame, the pickup was thrown to the side of the highway. Stunned but uninjured, the driver of the

tractor-trailer responded to the passenger side of the pickup and pulled another 14-year-old boy from the burning wreckage. Two other truck drivers, including Torosian, 36, witnessed the accident, and they too responded to the passenger side of the burning pickup. Despite intense heat, they pulled Anthony by his arms out of the wreckage and dragged him away from it. The boys were hospitalized for treatment of extensive and severe injuries, including third-degree burns and broken bones. The driver of the pickup was ejected from the vehicle during the accident and died at the scene.

75590-8640

### BRANDON J. TRAPP

MANCHESTER, IOWA

Brandon J. Trapp helped to save Megan N. Ellison from burning, Marion, Iowa, October 27, 2001. Megan, 11, and her brother were passengers in the back seat of a sport utility vehicle driven by their mother. After a highway accident, which was fatal for the occupants of the other vehicle involved, the sport utility vehicle came to rest upside down in a grassy ditch along the highway and caught fire in its engine area. Trapp, 20, mechanical insulator, and a friend were approaching on the same highway and witnessed the accident. They stopped at the scene and ran to the passenger side of the burning vehicle, which Trapp's friend entered through the broken-out window of the rear door to rescue Megan's brother. Trapp entered the vehicle through another broken-out side window and, joined by his friend, attempted to remove Megan's safety belt. Unsuccessful, Trapp withdrew and obtained a small pocketknife from a bystander. He re-entered the burning vehicle with the knife, which his friend used to cut Megan's safety belt. Trapp then removed her from the vehicle. With flames starting through the firewall at the front of the vehicle, Megan's mother freed herself, and Trapp's friend assisted her through a window to safety. Flames shortly engulfed the vehicle, which was destroyed in the accident. Megan and her brother and mother all required hospital treatment for broken bones and other injuries, but they were not burned.

75716-8612

DAB UMEH  
PALM COAST, FLORIDA

Dab Umeh helped to save Sallie Orman from burning, Daytona Beach, Florida, July 20, 2001. Ms. Orman, 48, was inside her room in an assisted living facility after fire erupted in a closet of that room. Visiting there, Umeh, 21, college student, helped to evacuate residents then learned that Ms. Orman was unaccounted for. After he and others attempted to reach her room but were repulsed by smoke, Umeh went to a window outside the room and broke the glass. Twice he entered the room partially through the window, calling to Ms. Orman. On a third entry, he crawled across a bed below the window, then stood. Dense black smoke prohibited him from seeing Ms. Orman, who lay on the floor, but he brushed against her. He then pulled her to her feet and pushed her across the bed to the window. As he maneuvered her through the window, a police officer who had responded pulled her from the building. Ms. Orman was hospitalized for treatment of smoke inhalation, and she recovered. Umeh also required hospital treatment, for smoke inhalation and cuts. He recovered. 75473-8626

JAMES D. VAN EVERA  
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA

James D. Van Evera saved Isidora and Prodencio Ramirez from drowning, Carlsbad, California, March 17, 2001. Isidora, 12, and her brother Prodencio, 9, were wading in the Pacific Ocean when they were caught by a strong seaward current that swept them around the tip of a jetty at the scene. Van Evera, 46, delivery driver, was fishing from a parallel jetty about 120 feet away when he saw the children in the water and heard people on the other jetty calling for help. He entered the water, swam across the channel between the two jetties, and reached Isidora, who was about 45 feet from the tip of the nearer jetty. Establishing a hold on her, he swam her to that jetty, where a man assisted her from the water. Van Evera then turned and swam out to Prodencio, who was about 60 feet from the jetty. He grasped Prodencio by the arm and, with difficulty against the current, swam back to the jetty, where the other man assisted in getting Prodencio from the water. Van Evera sustained small cuts to his legs but was otherwise uninjured, as was Isidora. Prodencio initially had trouble breathing and was given oxygen at the scene. He was later treated at a hospital and released. 75202-8599



## DARA VENG

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Dara Veng rescued Michael A. and helped to rescue Nelson Andino from burning, Providence, Rhode Island, December 8, 2000. At night, brothers Michael, 8, and Nelson, 7, remained in the kitchen of their family's first-floor apartment after fire broke out in the living room and spread quickly. Veng, 19, and a friend were driving through the neighborhood and discovered the fire. They stopped at the scene and ran to the rear of the three-story building, where they learned that the boys were inside. Despite blistering heat, thick smoke that impeded visibility, and advancing flames, Veng entered the apartment through its back door and saw the boys in the kitchen. He advanced to them, then dragged them toward the kitchen door, but material dripping from the ceiling burned him and forced him to flee the structure. After discarding his jacket, Veng re-entered the apartment, grabbed Michael, and removed him from the building, and Nelson was likewise removed by Veng's friend, who also had entered the apartment. Both boys were hospitalized for treatment of smoke inhalation and extensive burns, and Veng required hospital treatment for smoke inhalation and first- and second-degree burns, to his hands and face. He recovered. Five members of a family living in the building's third-floor apartment died in the fire. 74937-8568

## DEREK ROBERT VITALE

CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Derek Robert Vitale saved Kendra S. Dumont from burning, Farmington, New Hampshire, August 26, 2001. Kendra, 4 months old, was in her parents' apartment, on the second floor of a three-story house, after fire broke out in that unit's bathroom at night. Vitale, 27, construction worker, and a friend discovered the fire while driving by the house. They stopped at the scene, where Vitale learned that Kendra and her parents were unaccounted for. Vitale entered the house and went upstairs to the second floor. Another man opened the apartment's door, and dense smoke poured through the doorway. Vitale got down on his stomach and crawled inside the apartment. Visibility there was nil. Kendra was lying on the floor, unconscious. Vitale felt her leg, then grasped her, pulled her to him, and returned to the door. He stood and,



carrying Kendra, went downstairs and exited the building to safety. Kendra was hospitalized for treatment of smoke inhalation. Her parents died in the fire. Vitale inhaled smoke and was given oxygen at the scene by paramedics. He recovered.

75593-8635

## BENJAMIN DAVID WAGNER

CARY, ILLINOIS

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CARLOS WEBER, DECEASED  
JEROMESVILLE, OHIO

Carlos Weber died attempting to save Todd E. Young from a cave-in, Medina, Ohio, August 3, 2000. Young, 27, was installing sewer pipe in a 16-foot-deep trench at a construction site when a partial cave-in of the trench occurred and pinned him to his knees in earth. A coworker, Weber, 23, equipment operator, was nearby at ground level and became aware of the situation. He entered the trench and dug out Young's legs, freeing him. Weber and Young then ran toward the exit of the trench, but a second cave-in occurred and buried both men. Other workers at the site responded and dug out Young, then removed him from the trench. He required hospitalization for treatment of injuries to his back, neck, and knees. By the time Weber was reached, he was not responsive. He died of asphyxia. 75862-8644

REBECCA WELCH  
LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA

Rebecca Welch saved Bruce C. and Paula E. Hagemeyer from burning, Winthrop, Washington, July 10, 2001. In the face of a spreading forest fire, Hagemeyer, 53, and his wife, 50, were attempting to flee the narrow Chewuch River Canyon, where they had been camping. They met up with a crew of forest service firefighters, who informed them that the fire had crossed the canyon's only access road, trapping both them and the firefighters. Fire conditions at the scene soon intensified rapidly, with falling embers and ash preceding a rolling wave of extreme heat, fire, smoke, and fire-induced winds estimated at 50 m.p.h. As the firefighters deployed their personal shelters, Hagemeyer and his wife approached one of them, Ms. Welch, 22, and sought to share her protection. Forfeiting space, Ms. Welch took refuge with the couple in the one-person shelter, where over the course of 15 minutes they waited out the fire's passage. On getting clearance, they went to the nearby river, where they awaited evacuation by rescue personnel. Hagemeyer and his wife were treated at the hospital for burns and smoke inhalation, and Ms. Welch required treatment for second-degree burns to the right side of her body. She recovered. Four of the firefighters died in their shelters at the scene.

75486-8618

MELVIN WITKOVSKY  
CARO, MICHIGAN

Melvin Witkovsky saved Bernice M. Atwood from burning, Caro, Michigan, February 11, 2002. Ms. Atwood, 86, was alone inside her one-story house after an electrical fire broke out in the bathroom and sent smoke into the house. Driving by, Witkovsky, 57, custodian, saw smoke issuing from the house and stopped at the scene. He approached the front door, where he learned that Ms. Atwood was inside. Witkovsky entered the house on his hands and knees, then, guided by Ms. Atwood's voice, crawled through the smoke-filled breezeway and kitchen into the living room. Finding Ms. Atwood standing in that room, he grasped her by the hand and, still crawling, returned to the door, leading her. They exited the house to safety. Ms. Atwood required hospitalization for treatment of smoke inhalation, and she recovered.

75931-8660

OLIVER J. WOOD  
GENEVA, OHIO

Oliver J. Wood rescued Jeffery E. Finehout from a runaway truck, Madison, Ohio, March 3, 2001. When Finehout, 39, emerged from the one-ton, flatbed truck that he had been driving, the truck, its engine still running, began to roll backward down a slight grade. Grasping the door handle with one hand and the steering wheel with the other, Finehout was dragged by the truck, his legs underneath it. Oliver, 17, high school student, was at work in front of a store located on the same street about 250 feet away. He saw the runaway truck approach, then ran into the street as it arrived, its speed having reached about 20 m.p.h. Oliver jumped over Finehout into the truck's cab. He pressed the brake pedal with his hand, taking the truck to a stop over the course of 118 feet. Finehout had skin abrasions and was taken to the hospital. Oliver sustained an abrasion and swelling to his knee, which he had struck against the truck while entering. He recovered. 75212-8580

## 2002 AWARD STATISTICS

## MEDALS

In 2002, one hundred and eight Carnegie Medals were awarded, bringing the total to 8,666 since the Fund was established in 1904. To date, the Commission has considered 76,526 rescue acts.

Especially do we remember those who gave their lives saving or attempting to save others. During 2002, eighteen such sacrifices were honored, bringing the total to date to 1,836:

Randall K. Burris	H. Wayne Hix, Jr.
Christopher J. Chapman	David J. Klavoon
Chang Bae Cho	Christopher S. Leonard
Shane Cooper	Brodie MacDonald
David Matthew Elton	Victor T. Mills
Paul Gary Farias	Erich Schulz
Gary George Ferrier	Kara Elizabeth Scott
Lawrence Griffin III	Robert E. Staff
Russell Hileman	Carlos Weber

## MONETARY GRANTS

	2002	To date
For continuing support of widows, widowers, and other dependents, and disabled heroes	\$ 238,650	\$ 14,308,661
Monetary awards, including educational assistance, and medals	609,221	11,767,397
	\$ 847,871	\$ 26,076,058

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

*(Shown with year of election)*

S. Richard Brand	1999	Frank Brooks Robinson	1966
E. Bayley Buchanan	1975	Dan D. Sandman	2002
A.H. Burchfield III	1987	Arthur M. Scully, Jr.	1964
Benjamin R. Fisher, Jr. <sup>1</sup>	1992	William P. Snyder III	1951
Elizabeth H. Genter	2000	Sybil P. Veeder	1992
Thomas J. Hilliard, Jr.	1979	James M. Walton	1968
David McL. Hillman	1996	Thomas L. Wentling, Jr.	1991
Mark Laskow	1992	Alfred W. Wishart, Jr.	1976
Peter F. Mathieson	2001		
Christopher R. McCrady	1999	HONORARY MEMBERS	
Priscilla J. McCrady	1989	Robert W. Off	1973
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Nancy L. Rackoff	2002	George H. Taber	1979

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